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JIMMY Adamson would be naive to ignore the warning signs. Don Revie is free to return to management in Britain and a section of the Leeds United supporters want the former Elland Road manager restored to his old job.

Revie still has the support of some members of the Leeds board after leading the club through the most glorious passage in its 61 year history.

Adamson, the former Burnley and Sunderland manager, has been given a rough ride at Leeds since signing a three-year contract on October 25, 1978.

Many of his transfer signings have been criticised heavily and his decision to sell star left-back Frank Gray to Nottingham Forest was unforgiveable, according to some fans.

Adamson was singled out for personal abuse on several Saturdays last season, one of them when he lay in his sick bed at home several miles from the ground.

Even this summer they have vented their feelings in local newspapers, criticising Adamson for two close season signings which brought Tony Arns and Marshall Burke to Leeds from Burnley on free transfers.

How would they make the grade in the First Division if they had failed to make an impact at Turf Moor in the Second, argued the fans.

The campaign to have Adamson sacked has been fuelled by the possibility of Don Revie's return after his self-imposed exile in the United Arab Emirates.

A large faction at Elland Road would support Revie's restoration.

So what of Adamson's future? The sack? Perhaps his critics should study the facts before arriving at that judgment.

The Leeds manager needs no reminding that his record has been largely undistinguished. But is it fair to label him a failure? Leeds came fifth in the First Division in 1978-79, and last season, when he ran the gauntlet of a welter of abuse from the terraces, they ended in a comfortable mid-table position.

It should be remembered that he inherited a side containing fading stars and others yet to make an impression. Brian Clough, Revie's successor at Leeds, did nothing for a team in decline. Jimmy Armfield was no more successful, and Jock Stein's contribution was nil in a stay as short as Clough's.

The savage-tongued element at Leeds should realise it takes time and patience to build a trophy winning team.

They should also appreciate that even the best managers make mistakes. Bob Paisley still

asks why he signed Frank Gray from St. Mirren and why Clough prefers to forget a season at Forest with Asa Carter and Stan Bowles.

Adamson, one of British football's shrewdest managers, deserves better treatment than he is getting.

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League ladder as well.

Cambridge United — with the smallest ground in the Football League — have not allowed a shoestring budget to prevent them from establishing themselves in the Second Division.

Colchester United, whose ground is the next smallest, made a spirited attempt to win promotion from the Third Division, while Peterborough United were among the Fourth Division pacemakers for most of the season.

With fans of all these clubs hoping they carry on next time where they left off last, East Anglia enters the new season in a confident and optimistic mood.

And in our opinion they have every reason for it. All five are remarkably well run, with outstanding managers and good playing staffs.

We are sure the other four will forgive us if we nominate Ipswich as the pick of the bunch. A magnificent run of 22 unbeaten

IPSWICH — the big



THE sleepy outpost of East Anglia is now bursting with life as far as football is concerned.

The days when leading players had little idea where places like Ipswich and Norwich were are well and truly over.

Bobby Robson and John Bond have made sure of that by working miracles at Portman Road and Carrow Road to put their clubs firmly on the map.

And the good work has been carried on a little lower down the

matches last season carried them from the very bottom of the First Division to a final placing of third — and a spot in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

They did the same the previous season, ending on a run of 23 without defeat to go soaring up the League table.

On both those occasions the first half of the season was a disaster for them. If they could have shown some consistency from the off they would have been red-hot favourites to win the Championship.

We are going to stick our neck out and predict they will run Liverpool closer than anybody else next season.

It would not shock too many



Bobby Robson (above) has worked patiently to establish Ipswich at the forefront of English club soccer, helped by the arrival of Dutch import Arnold Muhren (right). The fortunes of Norwich next season will depend greatly on the continuing good form of the evergreen skipper Martin Peters (far right).



people if Robson's blue-and-white army did lift the First Division title.

Robson re-shaped his side after the 1978 F.A. Cup Final win over Arsenal and now has a fine blend of youth and experience.

Although he is now 31, skipper Mick Mills is playing as well as ever and is good for a few more years yet.

Capable

And alongside him in the back four Russell Osman and Terry Butcher have proved such capable replacements for Allan Hunter and Kevin Beattie that both have now earned full England caps.

They got them in the close season match against Australia. And we predict it won't be long before Osman and Butcher get senior caps against stiffer opposition.

Replacing the formidable Hunter and Beattie seemed certain to confront Robson with a problem that only a big splash in the

them to be in the hunt for honours.

"They have got the set-up, the manager and the players to go out and win the First Division. If they don't make a really serious challenge for it I think they will have to ask searching questions of themselves," says The Canaries boss.

Bond, though, is not so optimistic about his own team's chances and rates the coming season the most testing they have faced since becoming a First Division club nine years ago.

The reason? Norwich are now accepted as a top flight outfit and a lot more is expected of them.

"At the start of every season since we were promoted lots of people have tipped us to go back down to the Second Division," says Bond.

"So we only had to finish out of the bottom three to prove them all wrong. That has not been too difficult and we have usually managed to do a good deal better than that.

Bond knows you will win nothing with kids alone — that's why he is trying to add a couple of experienced players to his squad.

If Norwich can claim, with complete justification, to have done well in the First Division then what about Cambridge United in the Second?

When you look at the slender resources they have to operate on you wonder how on earth they can achieve such a respectable placing.

Ron Atkinson — now with West Brom — worked the initial miracle, hauling them from the foot of the Fourth Division to the top of the Third in three years before he moved on to take charge at The Hawthorns.

Former Brentford boss John Docherty took over on Big Ron's departure to keep Cambridge on course and guided them safely into the Second Division.

Again, all the pundits have been saying they will plummet back to the obscurity of the lower Divisions. But Docherty and his

players keep proving them all wrong.

And Docherty even had the confidence to sell his best player at a critical stage of last season.

He let the free-scoring Alan Biley go to Derby for £450,000 and got George Reilly in from Northampton for a tenth of that.

That's the sort of housekeeping you have to do when money is tight. The good managers know where to go to find bargain buy replacements — and Docherty is proving a good manager.

In the Third Division we will be surprised if Colchester repeat the exploits of last season, when they were up among the leaders and launching a serious bid for promotion until the last couple of months.

Like Docherty, Colchester manager Bobby Roberts has to get by on a very tight budget and you can only go on producing wonders under those circumstances for so long.

Roberts has done a magnificent job at Layer Road since replacing Jim Smith as manager four years ago, and his big hope now must be that a more substantial club will recognise his outstanding ability and lure him away.

The shortage of 'readies' is certain to catch up with Colchester eventually and we will be surprised if they occupy such an exalted position next time round.

Promotion

However, we look to Peterborough to improve on the fine form they showed over the second half of last season and confidently expect them to occupy one of the promotion places in the Fourth Division.

Here is another club who cannot afford the luxury of spending freely. In fact it was this that forced previous boss John Barnwell to quit after steering them to the edge of the Second Division two years ago.

Preston pipped The Posh on goal difference and Barnwell wanted a few bob to strengthen his side to make sure of promotion next time round.

He was told he could not have it — so walked out. And at the end of the following season Peterborough plunged into the Fourth Division!

Billy Hales had a brief spell in charge before Posh brought Peter Morris to become manager.

Former Ipswich and Norwich midfielder man Morris had tasted success in his previous managerial stint — steering Mansfield from Third to Second Division in his first season at Field Mill.

Then he joined his great friend, and previous boss, Bill McGarry, as coach at Newcastle before deciding to take the plunge into management again.

He slowly got things taking shape and Posh launched into a run that carried them into a challenging position.

It came too late to have any real effect last season. But our money is on Morris to get it absolutely right next term.

So there it is. A quiet backwater of England that for years had little impact on the soccer scene is now an area to be respected, if not exactly feared.

ready to make breakthrough

transfer market would solve.

But Osman and Butcher — almost inseparable off the field as well as partners on it — developed dramatically to save Robson a lot of money as they emerged as the best young central defenders in the First Division.

Dutch international midfielder man Arnold Muhren clearly fancies Ipswich's chances of pulling off the big one next season. For he turned down a big money offer from Belgian club Bruges to sign a new contract with the Portman Road outfit.

That will be a boost for his Dutch



compatriot, the brilliant Frans Thijssen, who showed marvellous form last season.

Add to all these the pace and fire of Paul Mariner and Eric Gates up front and the dependable goalkeeping of Paul Cooper and you can see why Ipswich have a squad the envy of many in the First Division.

John bond, 40 miles up the road at Norwich, certainly expects

"In fact for a couple of months last season we were in the top six and our opening spell was the talk of football.

"That convinced a lot of doubters that we had finally arrived as a First Division club and now they are looking for bigger things from us.

"The ability and character of all of us will be under the microscope and there is no doubt in my mind that this will be the most difficult season in the history of Norwich City Football Club."

How well — or badly — Norwich do will depend largely on how long skipper Martin Peters can keep producing the goods for them.

Although he will be only three months short of his 37th birthday when the new season kicks-off Peters is still producing England class performances.

Bond has had the £45,000 he gave Tottenham for Peters five years ago repaid ten times over in what the former World Cup star has done for the club.

And all Canaries fans will be hoping that Martin can keep doing it for a while longer, until Father Time, inevitably, catches up with him.

Peters is needed to nurse along the outstanding crop of young players Norwich's thriving youth scheme is producing.

Pick of the teenage bunch is midfielder man Peter Mendham, a player attracting the attention of bigger and wealthier clubs.

Striker Justin Fashanu has packed enough action into his short, explosive career to earn England Youth and Under-21 honours — as well as attracting a bid of £500,000 from Newcastle.

Greg Downs and Mark Barham are others with a bright future. But



John Bond (left), Peter Morris (above) and John Docherty (below) control the fate of East Anglian football.



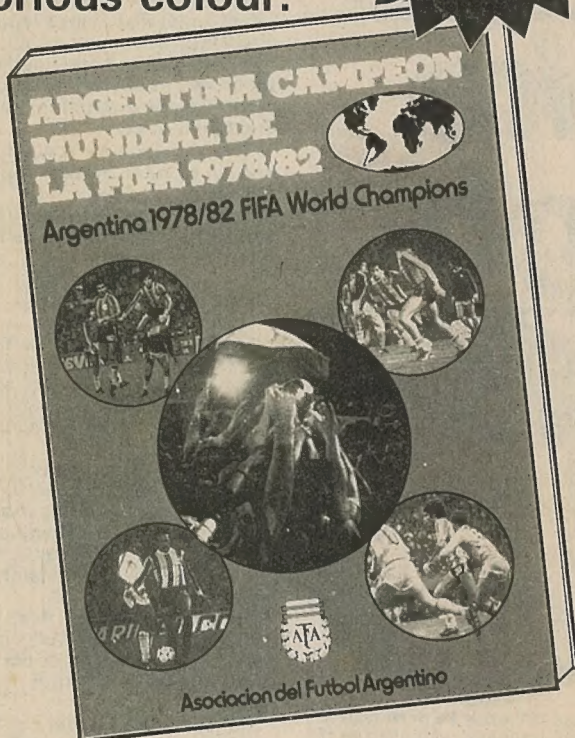
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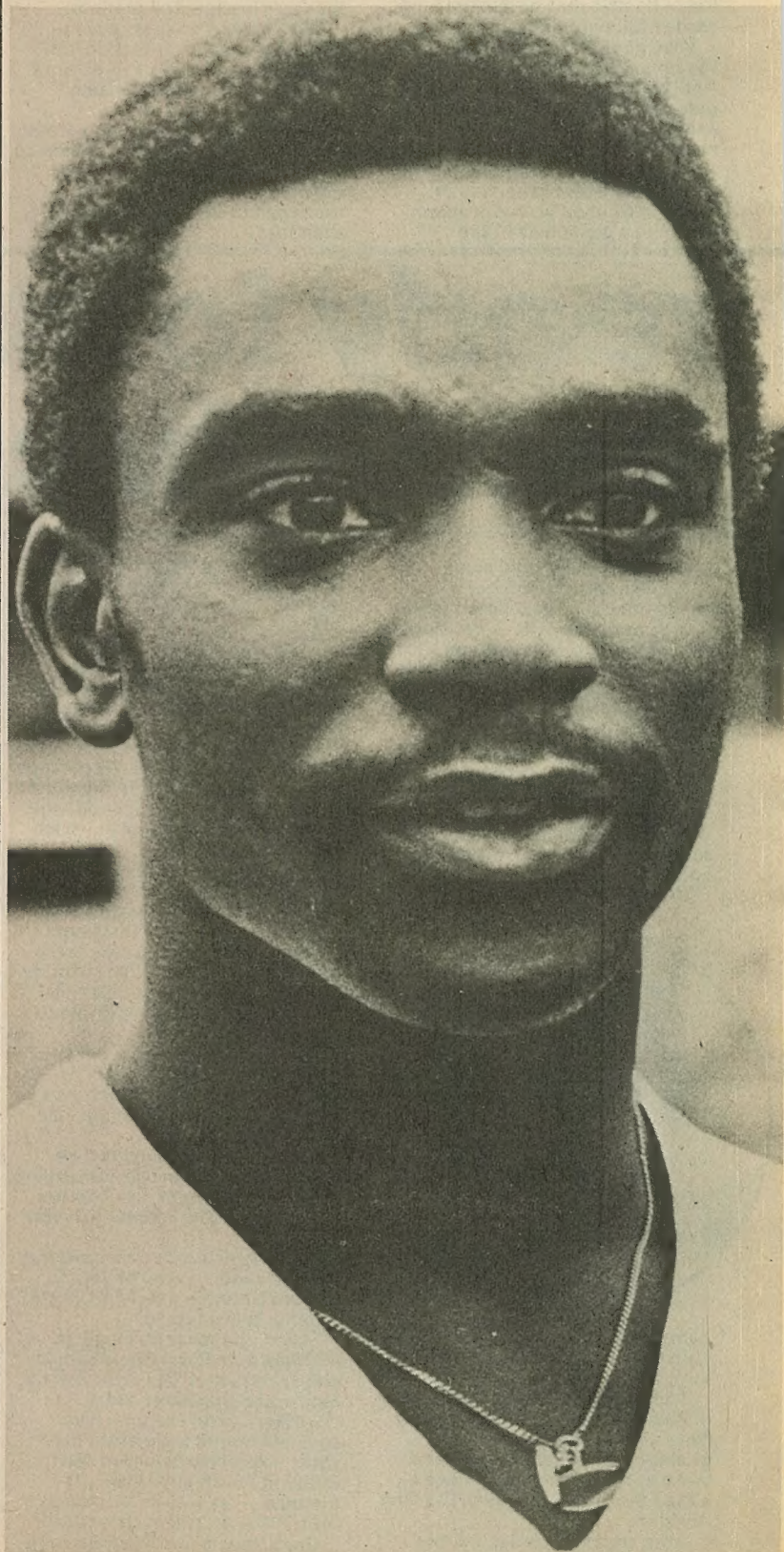
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A Spanish League and Cup double, plus a place in the European Cup Semi-Finals make Laurie Cunningham's first campaign in the white strip of Real Madrid the most successful season of the 24-year-old English winger's career, though his tally of 13 goals in 45 League, Cup and European matches is, by his own admission, not a spectacular haul. Laurie's Real Madrid team-mates are diplomatically flattering about his soccer skills. But SHOOT asked some of the top names in Spanish football for their opinions on Cunningham's first term in the land of the peseta. Here's what they said to our correspondent in Spain, Graham Turner . . .



'STILL A LONG WAY TO GO'

"A GOOD player — an extremely good player. What's happened is that he's only shown the full extent of his ability in a handful of games. He produced a superb performance against us in Barcelona, for example. But on other occasions it's very obvious that he's still got a long way to go before he's fully adapted to the Spanish style of football. Perhaps this is logical for a striker, because Spanish defenders are much more aggressive and violent than in England. Anyway, he's had one erratic season of adaptation, and now he can show exactly how much he can do. This season he must aim to confirm that he's among the best of the foreign players in Spain." — Spain and Barcelona captain, Juan Manuel Asensi (right)



'HIS DEFECTS CAN BE CORRECTED'

"LAURIE is English — you mustn't forget that. It's difficult for an English player to arrive in Spain and be a superstar overnight. But he had a good campaign. He had good games and bad games . . . but that's understandable. It's normal. I think he must participate more. He's too quiet. He doesn't shout. He must tell the others that he wants the ball. OK, he has one or two defects, like you and me and everybody else. But these can be corrected. No problem." — Laurie's Yugoslav manager, Vujadin Boskov (right)



'TEAM-MATES DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM'

"LAURIE is a great player. The big problem that he had last season was that the rest of the team

CUNNINGHAM

'NOT MADE HIS MARK YET'

"MY opinion is that he hasn't made his mark yet, neither at Real Madrid nor at international level with the England team. OK, in Spain life can be difficult for strikers because you have a defender breathing down your neck all the time. But he should be working a lot harder during games, and I wouldn't say that he's repaid the £900,000 that Real Madrid splashed out for him. I won't go into more detail, because it isn't my place to criticise players from other clubs — let's just say that he'll have to work a lot harder next season." — Helmut Senekowitsch, Austria's 1978 World Cup manager and now in charge of Athletic Bilbao

A success or failure?



didn't understand him. And even though the Real players deny this in public, there was a fair amount of resentment in the dressing-rooms about him earning more money than the others. On balance, his first season was very good, and his best performance — away to Barcelona — gave Real a vital boost in their successful League tussle against Real Sociedad. Next season he needs to develop a greater understanding with his team-mates to become a really top star." — Miguel Vidal, Madrid sports daily 'AS'

decide. Anyway, a foreign player's first season is always difficult, especially bearing in mind the abrupt change from the English League to the Spanish League. Here the game is very different, with tough man-to-man marking. Then there's the question of the different life-style, the different climate . . . This season will be the real test. He's had time to adapt; defenders have had time to look at him; and now he's got to produce the goods. I think he will . . ." — Alfredo di Stéfano, ex-Real Madrid star, and manager of the Valencia team that won the Cup Winners' Cup, since sacked

'A PHENOMENON'

"HE'S a phenomenon. His ball skills are incredible. And his ball control at top speed is perhaps as good as anybody I've seen. I know some people have criticised him, but he played two good games against us last season and I rate him as an exceptional player. I don't know how England could leave him out. This could be his big year I think." — Mario Kempes, Valencia and Argentina (right)

'MUST GIVE MORE TO THE TEAM'

"HE'S done some spectacular things at times, but only in a couple of games has he lived up to people's expectations. Apart from superb displays in Malaga and Barcelona, he's been a disappointment for the fans who expected him to recall some of the inspirational skills of people like Gento, di Stéfano and Cruyff. It's significant that Boskov had to read the riot act to him towards the end of last season, and this year I think he must participate much more in the general team effort and not concentrate so much on individual skills." — Pedro Ger, Barcelona sports daily 'El Mundo Deportivo'



'PLAYED WELL OFTEN'

"FROM my own experiences in two years at Valencia, I can understand the sort of problems that Laurie had in his first season. I was staggered at the difference in training methods, the differences in attitude to away games — everything. Logically, he didn't have a sensational first season, though he played very well on a number of occasions. The Spanish fans are very demanding, and if they forgave him for some ordinary performances during his first campaign, they will be asking for consistently good form this season." — Rainer Bonhof, transferred from Valencia to Cologne during the close season (left)

'ON HIS DAY THE BEST'

"I'M convinced that he's a great player. On his day, he is undoubtedly the most talented man on the field. He has exceptional skills. But I'm sure he suffered from the same types of problems as I did last season — though he was luckier than me, because he was in a successful team! Spanish football is worlds apart from the game we play in Northern Europe, and obviously a foreign player needs a long time for adaptation. I am hoping to play better this next season, and I'm sure Laurie feels the same." — Allan Simonsen, Barcelona

'NO THANKS . . .'

"I WOULDN'T want him in my team. He may be all right for Real Madrid, but I would never be interested in buying him." — Barcelona manager, Helenio Herrera

LAURIE'S VERDICT

"NOT bad for the first season, though the injuries didn't help, and it was often difficult for me to play flat-out. The last two campaigns add up to about 150 matches without a break, with all the aggro of the move to Madrid sandwiched in between, so the summer break was just what the doctor ordered. Next season should be great."

'A QUALITY PLAYER'

"I DIDN'T see him play all that much, to tell you the truth. So perhaps it isn't fair to judge him on a handful of games. I rate him as a quality player. He's exceptionally fast, and has good ball skills. But whether he had a good first season or not is more for the critics to

PONTIN A HERO FOR WALES

GLORY and triumph quickly change to disappointment and defeat. That's the first lesson that Keith Pontin has learned from his start in international football.

"The British Championship left me knowing exactly what more I need to do to stay at the top," says the lean, tall Cardiff City defender who is rapidly developing into one of the top centre-half prospects in British football.

Wales manager Mike England had watched the emergence of Pontin as far back as 1975-76. That is when England played his last season of League football and skippered Cardiff to promotion from the Third Division.

In the background, young Keith was working hard and learning from the finest Welsh centre-half of modern times. When England left for the United States, Pontin fought his way past the other rivals to establish himself in the first team.

The final step came at Wrexham in May. David Jones limped into the dressing room at half-time with Wales leading England 2-1 and, after several minutes of treatment on his damaged knee, pronounced: "I'd put the side at risk if I went back on."

England turned to the hovering Pontin, whom he had selected in

the Wales squad for the first time, and said: "Right. You're on!"

"It came so suddenly that I didn't have time to think about it," he recalls. "Then I went straight into the best ten minutes that England had all the game. That was a stroke of luck. I was so busy that there was no time to be nervous!"

"Mike and Terry Yorath just urged me 'Stay tight on Paul Mariner and block every move he makes. Play your natural game and you'll be fine'."

What they did not know at the moment of that critical substitution was that Pontin's only previous experience of handling Mariner had been something of a disaster. "Ipswich started their run to winning the 1978 F.A. Cup Final by beating us 3-0 at Ninian Park."

"On that occasion, I was just starting to find my way in the first team and, to be honest, he knew far too much for me," admits Keith.

Mariner had scored England's goal in the first half of that Wrexham match, his team were intent on fighting back for a victory but Pontin came out of it superbly.

Jordan Duel

He settled quickly, tackled firmly and completely cut out the aerial threat from Mariner. The young Wales centre-half became a hero as he played his part in contributing to the record 4-1 victory.

That display was more than good enough to keep him in the side for the clash against Scotland at Hampden Park — and on to a personal duel against Joe Jordan.

"I started well enough with a few tackles and some useful interceptions. Then Joe started to drag me into wide positions where I did not want to go. His know-how came from years at the top and he employed all his experience to get the better of me."

At half-time with Wales a goal down, manager England had to tell the saddened Pontin, "Sorry, Keith, you're not going back on. We've got to change the tactics and push players forward."

It was a very different emotion from the one that thrilled Pontin at the interval during the previous Wales match. "I felt sick; I went to bed early that night and thought long and hard about what had gone wrong."

"Looking back now, I realise that I learned just as much from the defeat by Scotland as I did from the win over England. Now I have to make both lessons work for me — because I'm determined to fight my way back into the Wales side."



'THE DAY

REFRESHED from a couple of weeks in Barbados, I reported back for pre-season training with United on July 21st, five days later than most of the squad. Because of our commitments in the European Championship, manager Dave Sexton allowed Steve Coppell and I a few extra days, which were very welcome.

I had just under a month's rest, but ideally I'd have liked another two or three weeks. Jackie and I would have stayed in the West Indies for that period; still, the fortnight we had was extremely enjoyable.

The European Championship made me feel mentally tired. Physically, I was okay. As I left Rome (Jackie flew over and we stayed there for four days) I was pleased it was all over.

Ninety per cent of my tiredness was disappointment at not reaching the Final, so it was good to put all

that behind me and jet off to Barbados.

I'm one of those who has to watch his diet very carefully. Somehow, I always put on a bit of weight during the summer, no matter how careful I am. I ate a lot of fruit on holiday — I love mangos — and did some running upon my return to Manchester.

My idea of a holiday is to do as little as possible. To pull up a lounge on the beach and soak in the sun. I do enough rushing around during the season — when I'm not working I just take it easy.

I almost went to the West Indies with Chelsea a few years ago on a close-season tour. I think I was too young, but I remember the lads saying how marvellous it was.

One holiday paradise I've always fancied is Hawaii. United went there during May after a friendly in Portland, Ohio. International duty forced me to return home after the



WE SMASHED LIVERPOOL'

Portland match. The other players were disappointed, saying it was very commercialised, rather like Blackpool with sunshine.

I would like to go to Bermuda one day. From what I hear it's a super place. Maybe next year . . .

In the meantime, I'm enjoying my first pre-season with United. This time last year I was very unsettled, not knowing with which club I'd start the season.

I was sure I'd be leaving Chelsea, although when nothing happened I'd virtually resigned myself to kicking-off 1979/80 in Division Two.

I was down in the dumps, eager for my future to be sorted out.

Of course, things have worked out better than I could have hoped, even though pre-season training is something I'll never relish. I dread it, to be honest. I know I'll be overweight when I report back. Even if I spent the close-season in a sauna-bath I'd probably still be overweight.

I used to envy Peter Bonetti, who never put on an ounce. The Cat would report back one pound lighter, much to the annoyance of the other players. I believe Gordon

McQueen is the same, which must be a real bonus for someone of his size.

I'm not the fastest player at the club. I can just about beat Tommy Cavanagh in the sprints, but that's all. Seriously, once the first week is over it's better.

Some players play another sport during the close-season. Trevor Brooking is a fair tennis player and belongs to a local club in Essex. Hadleigh, as we call him, showed his class while we were in Italy, giving Kevin Keegan a lesson or two.

I'm not so bad in the singles, but my partner often lets me down in the doubles! Still, I must record that Manchester United beat Liverpool 2-1 after being a set down . . . it isn't often you come from behind to beat Liverpool! Stevie Coppel and I beat Ray Clemence and Phil Neal 6-4 in the third set to take the honours.

I missed Wimbledon this year

LEFT: "Stevie Coppel and I gave Phil Neal and Ray Clemence a tennis lesson in Italy. Now we just have to beat them at football."
RIGHT: "United are determined to emulate the club's European glory of the Sixties."

where I'd hoped to pick up a few tips!

The new season is only three weeks away and already I'm looking forward to our opening fixture against Middlesbrough.

We've some pre-season games, including Danny McGrain's testimonial, but the draw for the U.E.F.A. Cup a few weeks ago had me thinking of both the past and present.

Past . . . because Manchester United and Europe have gone hand in hand. Present . . . because we are determined that the club's Euro glory of the Sixties will be emulated in the Eighties.

I remember watching United in European action when I was a schoolboy with Chelsea. I was 11 when they won the European Cup, but United always had the hearts of English fans as they bid for Europe's crown.

I used to see Chelsea in the Cup Winners' Cup and think how marvellous it must be to play at that level. I was training at Stamford

Ray Wilkins
WRITES
FOR YOU



Bridge a few times a week then and was in awe of the top names. Once I saw Eusebio and asked for his autograph, which I believe I still have somewhere.

Now, United are back in Europe and our draw against Widzew Lodz of Poland will stir memories of two tremendous ties against Gornik Zabrze back in 1967/68 when United scraped home 2-1. Their goalie was brilliant at Old Trafford.

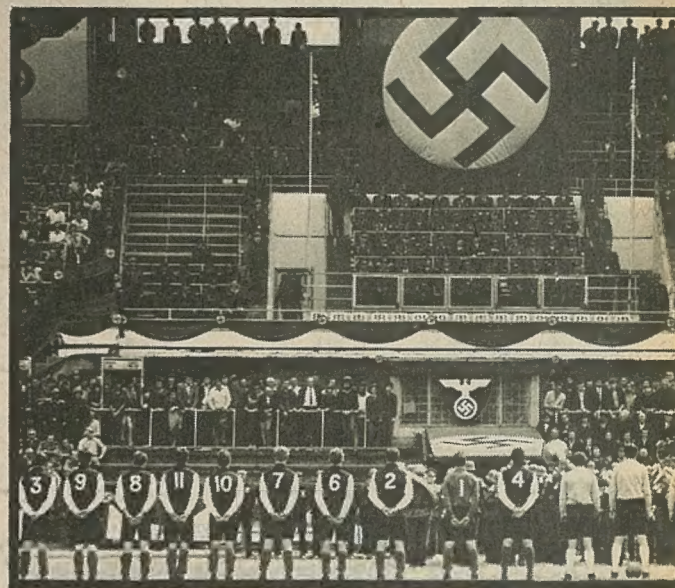
I don't know too much about Lodz, except that they beat Manchester City a few years back. We'll be fully briefed by the time we meet them in September and I look forward to making my debut at that level.

Join me again in a fortnight.

Ray Wilkins

BOBBY Moore, Pelé and Osvaldo Ardiles all have World Cup winners' medals. Yet in Hungary this summer they were playing football for their lives. Well . . . almost. "Escape To Victory", a £5 million World War Two prison escape film, is just finishing production in Budapest and the highlight is a soccer match between the German national team and a side of prisoners captured by the Nazis. Defeat for either team means disgrace — or, in the case of the PoW's, possibly even death. The film stars Michael Caine, Max Von Sydow and Sylvester Stallone and they were in the team of prisoners who took on the might of Germany. Fine actors they are; good footballers they aren't, so director John Huston recruited some of 'soccer's top names to help out with the action. Apart from the three World Cup winners, there are Kevin Beattie and Paul Cooper of Ipswich and Denmark's Allan Simonsen. We're not telling you who wins, except that as all of Europe knows the Germans are never easy to beat at football!

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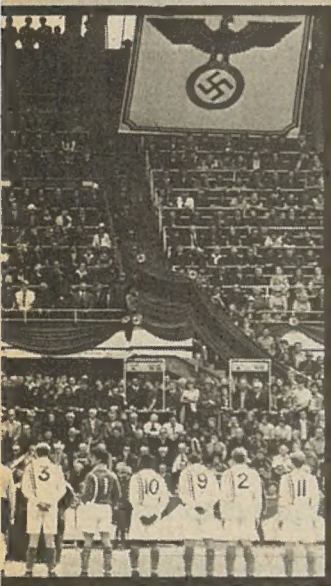
Not exactly the Berlin wall, but certainly a star-studded one to keep out this German free-kick.

THEIR GOAL

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ABOVE . . . Sylvester Stallone won the world heavyweight title as Rocky, yet ironically injured a shoulder during filming.
MAIN PICTURE . . . Osvaldo Ardiles on the ball watched by Michael Caine, Pelé, Bobby Moore and 'admirers'.



BALLYMENA United's Northern Ireland Youth international midfielder prospect Tony McCaul, Ulster's 'Young Player of the Year' in 1980, is not the only member of his family circle to attract cross-channel attention.

His promising teenage cousin, Gervaise McCaul, who also operates in midfield, with Newry juniors Hereford United, is currently interesting Manchester United.

Sport for all

AYR United are to spend £500,000 attracting the town's non-footballing fraternity to Somerset Park. The existing stand will be extended to provide a new sports complex with a modern gymnasium containing facilities for minor sports including squash, badminton, volleyball, bowling, archery and hockey, as well as six-a-side cricket.

DUNDEE United's decision to free transfer George Fleming at the end of last season has opened a new door for the 31-year-old midfielder player. Fleming, who went to Tannadice eight seasons ago from Hearts, has been appointed player coach with First Division St Johnstone and joins up with a former Dundee United team-mate, Alex Rennie who is the new boss at Muirton Park.

'I FEEL TERRIBLE'

IT'S not often you hear a man who has just joined a new club for £150,000 say he "feels terrible."

But that was exactly the comment of Sunderland's new giant defender Sam Allardyce, minutes after the move from Bolton Wanderers had been completed.

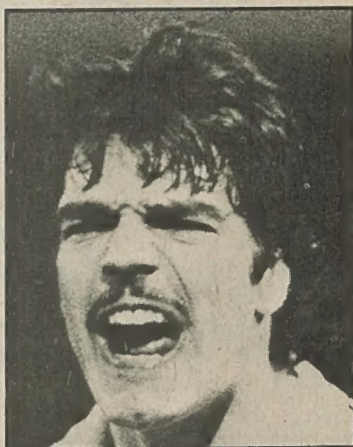
The reason was not that Sam was unhappy about a move to Roker Park, simply that he knew he was in a sense letting down Derby County who had been favourites all along to sign him until Sunderland's late intervention.

"I do feel terrible about the way things worked out in the end, but it is my career and I had to weigh everything up," said Allardyce, who was criticised by Derby manager Colin Addison for apparently changing his mind after agreeing to join the Second Division club.

"It took me four or five weeks to decide whether to join Derby or Norwich, but when Sunderland came in at the last minute, I needed only half-an-hour to make up my mind that that was where I wanted to go," said the defender who felt he had to pursue his career in the First Division when the opportunity arose.

"The funny thing was that when I read of the injury to Jeff Clarke at Sunderland I told my wife I could do a job for them. Then when I only heard from Norwich and Derby I never thought any more about it until Ken Knighton made the approach at the eleventh hour.

"I can understand how Colin Addison feels but I don't want to be drawn into a slanging match, and as I said it is my career



I have to think about."

Allardyce has played over 200 games for Bolton, and the money Stan Anderson has picked up for him and Jim McDonagh (£275,000 from Everton) will go a long way to recruiting new men for the bid for the Second Division title, or at least a quick return to the top Division.

Ironically the first man he may go for is Sunderland defender Tim Gilbert, who finds himself on offer at £100,000 and will struggle for a place now that Allardyce has arrived along with ex-Wigan full-back Joe Hinnigan.

Poor response at Notts County

A Notts County scheme to protect fans against rising admission charges has so far been given the cold shoulder.

The project, called The Magpie Discount Club, was aimed at saving money for regulars at County's Meadow Lane ground.

But only 50 people have so far become members of the scheme.

County hoped to attract something in the region of 5,000 people but it seems they will have to settle for a lot less.

"Before the season starts there's sure to be an increase in the number of people taking up the scheme," said County's commercial manager Stuart Burgan. "But the response to date is very disappointing.

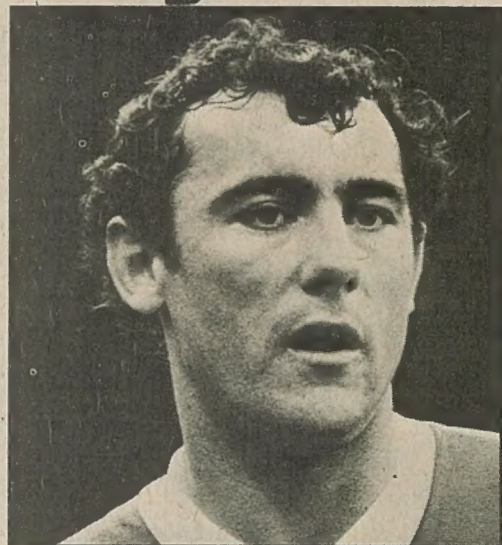
"People probably do not realise the benefits that can be obtained from the discount club."

It costs £10 to join the scheme and members will have to pay only half the admission charge which has risen to £2 for the terraces.

A discount club member doesn't even have to attend a match to feel the benefits. For nearly 50 companies are offering big discounts on their products and services to card carrying members. These range from restaurants to travel agents.

"We expected people to be queuing up to join," said Mr Burgan.

Ray Kennedy to quit Liverpool?



RAY Kennedy is another of the famous 'Anfield machine' who could be leaving Liverpool at the end of the season. The England midfielder star, who has played more than 200 League games for Liverpool, will be looking for a return to his native North East.

Not wishing to forfeit his place in the First Division, the news will alert Sunderland. I believe he has no desire to play for Middlesbrough.

Both Kennedy and Terry McDermott, who want to play abroad, have one year of their existing contracts with Liverpool to fulfill.

Full-back Alan Kennedy's future also seems uncertain at Liverpool, who are believed to be ready to sell their £300,000 buy from Newcastle. Kennedy has already had talks with one First Division club.

FORMER Aberdeen full-back Steve Richie has joined Yeovil Town after being given a free transfer from Torquay United. Steve, brother of Bristol City striker Tom, turned down a move to Fourth Division side Doncaster Rovers to join the Alliance League club.

Fan worship

BIRMINGHAM City are getting themselves geared up for their return to the First Division and in a public promotions exercise they are staging a Family Day at St Andrews on August 10.

The Midlands club are also to publish a new book on the same day called Birmingham City News Annual at a cost of £1.50.

Birmingham are hoping to enjoy a closer liaison with their fans.

SHELBOURNE and University College Dublin had no difficulty in being re-elected to the League of Ireland. As there were no other applicants the two Dublin clubs who finished 15th and 16th last season, were automatically re-elected for another season.



RE-UNITED

STEVE Baines, Walsall's new signing from Bradford, is no newcomer to The Saddlers' boss, Alan Buckley.

They both played together at Nottingham Forest at a time when Walsall's assistant-manager, Bert Johnston, was also at the City ground.

Baines was later given a free transfer by Brian Clough and he moved to Huddersfield who then sold him to Bradford.

In the last two seasons he has been voted the club's player of the season and on each occasion he scored 11 goals.

He said: "The move suits me fine. I've moved up into the Third Division and I hope to help Walsall into the Second Division."

Baker's back

JOE Baker, the former Hibs, Notts Forest, and Arsenal centre-forward, who was one of the first British players to sample Italian football with a spell at Turin, has taken his first step towards a managerial career by becoming manager-coach to the East of Scotland junior side Fauldhouse United.

FIFTY WINNERS

SHOOT posed three questions about the European Cup in a European Cup Books competition in the April 12th issue. The answers are 1. Stade Reims, 2. Benfica, 3. Inter Milan. The senders of the first 50 correct entries checked after the closing date each win a book all about the European Cup and are:

Graeme Alexander, Falkirk. Jason Andrew, Spalding. Matthew Appleby, Wolverhampton. David Armstrong, Dublin. Andrew Atkins, Leatherhead. Andrew Austin, Romsey. Wayne Baker, Port Talbot. Gary Bartrop, Runcorn. Michael Boast, Norwich. Keith Bradshaw, Ayton. Nicholas Brown, Romsey. Paul Browning, Fareham. Robert Busby, Perth. Paul Cade, Earls Field. Jamie Callaghan, Leicester. Gavin Coppard, Wimborne. Phillip Deeks, Birmingham. Kevin Dowie, Whitchurch. Neil Drysdale, York. Martin Ellwood, Auckland. Andrew Harling, Colne. Darren Harris, Birmingham. Kevin Harris, Amersham. Marcus Graham Heap, Market Harborough. Martin Hey, Garforth. J. Hougham, Tonbridge. Jason Hutchinson, Hartlepool. Andrew Jarvie, East Kilbride. Paul King, Wellingborough. Andre Paul Linford, Poole. Ian Lockyer, Canterbury. Jim Lynch, Dublin. Andy McBean, Watford. Chris Means, Crawley. Ian Nelson, Aycliffe. Michael O'Dwyer, Tipperary. James Parker, Orpington. Mark Patterson, Aveley. Ray Price, Alvington. Barry Quaintance, Wallington. Colin Revell, Gourock. Philip Rich, Crowthorne. Graeme Ronald, Middlesbrough. Richard Shannon, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Steven Taylor, Chesterfield. Mark Thomas, Crewe. Sean Timms, Tunbridge Wells. Antony Wilding, Morecambe. Neil Williamson, Maidstone. Vaughan Willmore, Darlaston.

BIG JOE

-a real pro!

WHEN Ron Greenwood held his first Press conference in Italy during the European Championship, the first player he mentioned was Joe Corrigan. Surprisingly, perhaps, as the Manchester City goalkeeper was one of the two players not to play (Emlyn Hughes was the other) . . . but those who travelled with the England party would surely agree that no one trained harder than Big Joe.

"Joe's attitude typifies the England team-spirit," said Greenwood. "Deep down he knows he won't get a game, but to see him in training you'd never know this. I feel a bit sorry for him, as he would walk into many other countries' teams."

Corrigan certainly sweated as England's stars generally took it easy in training after a demanding season. In goal or on the field, where Joe scored six goals in one five-a-side game.

"I haven't seen you put one away today!" he shouted to Peter Shilton. "You're getting better service than I am!" retorted the Forest star.

All good fun, but football is a serious business for Corrigan.

"When I'm with England I don't think about whether I'll play or not. I just get on with my job," he says. "You never know what will happen and if the call does come, I know I'll have done as much as I can to be well prepared."

"I've won five caps, which makes me proud. Maybe I could have won more with another country, but I'm an Englishman and simply to be associated with England is an honour."



IAN BOTHAM

SHOULD 'RETIRE'

ENGLAND cricket captain Ian Botham should hang up his soccer boots! That is the view of Ray Illingworth, the former Test star, who now manages Yorkshire.

Illingworth says of Botham's decision to play for Scunthorpe United again next season: "To risk injury at such an important stage of his career seems pointless."

"I appreciate that Ian relishes a challenge, but it doesn't matter whether he measures up to Fourth Division standards or not."

"He's putting his main job on the line for a few games of football. Ian could be earning £50,000 a year as captain of England. He has the cricket world at his feet and I fear that some Division Four defender may put Ian out of the winter tour of the West Indies starting early next year."

"Ian has little to gain from football but a lot to lose." Botham plans to play for Scunthorpe from the end of the cricket season (September) until he goes to the West Indies. He played a few games at the end of last season with mixed reviews.

Somerset, his county, can't stop him and neither can the England selectors.

Smarter Rovers

BRISTOL Rovers will have a new away look next season. The team will wear black and green quartered shirts with black shorts and green socks. The shirts for home and away will be given a silky look, while the 'home' shorts are to be changed from white to blue.

LUTON defenders Kirk Stephens and Graham Jones had a double celebration at the end of last season. They both became fathers on the same day when their respective wives provided them with, for Kirk, a daughter and, for Graham, a son.

MEL Pejic, the 21-year-old younger brother of Mike Pejic, of Aston Villa and formerly Stoke, Everton and England, is hoping for a break after living in the shadow of his brother.

Mel joined Mike at Stoke but things never really worked out for him there and he was given a free transfer.

But the talented right-back was quickly approached by Hereford and the former Staffordshire Youth player will be looking for a little bit of glory in his own right.

UNIVERSITY College Dublin are going on a pre-season tour of Kenya, where they will play six friendlies.

MARTIN EDWARDS' REWARD

MARTIN Edwards, Chairman of Manchester United in succession to his late father Louis, has relinquished his position with the family meat firm to devote more time to Old Trafford.

United could create history next season by having the first-ever paid First Division director. Martin Edwards is likely to be the director chosen for monetary reward.

The Edwards family have been largely responsible for the smooth running of United over many seasons. Louis Edwards devoted most of his life to the cause of United.

RECORD BREAKER

PAUL ALLEN

WEST Ham's Paul Allen has equalled the record number of youth caps won by an England player. It was held by Bobby Moore, who won 18 caps.

That long standing record is sure to be broken by Paul next season, for he is still eligible to play for the Youth team.

FACTastic Ray

RAY SPILLER, a 27-year-old buyer from Basildon, Essex, is soccer mad . . . ever since he was taken to see Spurs play when he was 15.

It wasn't the football or players that fascinated Ray, but the statistics.

Ever since he has kept record, catalogued events, compiled facts and figures about the game.

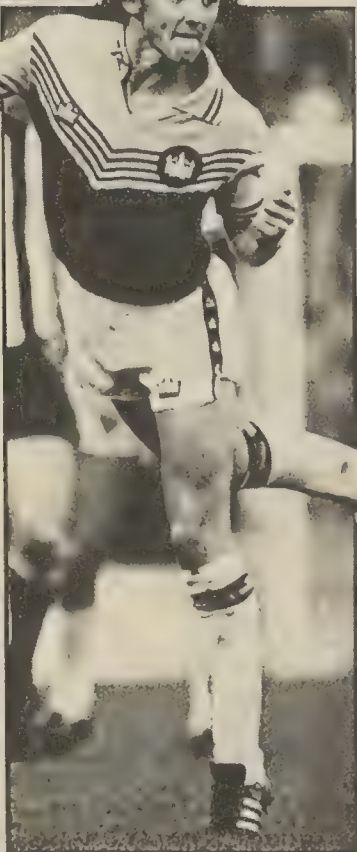
In 1978 he set up the Association of Football Statisticians which now has over 400 members.

They pay a subscription of £3.50, which entitles them to a bi-monthly publication containing articles and absorbing lists of facts.

Ray also provides information for radio, TV, newspapers and magazines.

He has visited all 92 Football League clubs and last month drove a mini-bus full of members to Scotland where they toured all 38 clubs in just five days.

If readers would like more information about the Association send a stamped addressed envelope to Ray Spiller, 5 Hempstalls, Basildon, Essex SS15 5AH.



Briefly...

● Manchester City boss Malcolm Allison took time off from his demanding Maine Road duties to take charge of a close-season coaching course for Northern Ireland's managers and coaches, in Belfast.

● Defender Clive Nettress, given free transfers by both Blackpool and Darlington, will start the new season with Halifax.

Durham-born Nettress had nearly two years as a professional with Blackpool and then made over 300 appearances for Darlington and now the 28-year-old player is hoping for a successful stay at the Shay.

● The double selection of Paul Price for Wales and Mal Donaghy for Northern Ireland

has given Luton Town its first trio of full internationals at the club for 25 years.

The third member of the team's international set is the Republic of Ireland's midfield star and new captain Tony Grealish.

● The minimum admission charges at League of Ireland games next season will be 80p and 40p for schoolboys.

● Despite profits on three of their home internationals last season, the FA of Ireland had a working loss of £17,000 last year. Six away games drew heavily on their finances.

● Sunderland and Middlesbrough have struggled for years to join the Central League. The Boro have given up hope of ever making it, even though they offered to pay the travelling expenses for long journeys to the North-East. Sunderland could decide they are

banging their heads against a brick wall. Their latest application met with a soul-destroying one-vote response.

● An Irish League XI will make a two-match representative tour of Canada in September. It will be the first time a Northern Ireland Inter-League side have played abroad since a 0-1 away defeat against the Italian Semi-Professional League, 'way back in May, 1963.

● The Scottish F.A., are planning a crack-down on tour companies who advertise package deals for Scotland games abroad. They will not issue them with tickets.

Only members of the Scotland Travel Club will get tickets for games abroad says S.F.A. secretary Ernie Walker.

Don Givens moving

REPUBLIC of Ireland striker Don Givens will soon be on the move from First Division newcomers Birmingham. Givens was sidelined for most of last season but came back to help Birmingham clinch promotion.

Now, after a talk with Blues boss Jim Smith, he knows that there is little future for him at St Andrew's with Keith Bertschin, Frank Worthington, Tony Evans and Steve Lynex all battling for the front two positions.

Birmingham made that clear when they declared an interest in Chelsea's Tommy Langley only to find it cooled by the player's wage demands.

Givens has already attracted the attention of Notts County and the former QPR man also interests Walsall who, under player manager Alan Buckley, are keen to follow up their promotion to the Third Division last season by making a determined bid for the Second Division this campaign.

'All-weather pitches? NO THANKS!'



AN EXPERIMENT at Helenvale Park in the East End of Glasgow, once a favourite training spot for Celtic, could mean that senior football matches in Scotland need never be postponed because of bad weather.

At least that is the possible if distant conclusion after the opening of the £250,000 Astro-Turf playing surface which is only a long goal-kick from Celtic Park.

The synthetic surface is the first of its kind in Scotland, although I know similar pitches have been in operation in North London since 1971.

But the question is, should our senior clubs adopt the nylon grass?

The history of Astro-Turf is quite interesting. In 1959 the Ford Foundation of America approached the huge Monsanto Corporation with a concept for synthetic grass.

Five years of research and £7 million produced an indestructible playing surface which was nature's impossible dream.

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Astro-Turf pitches have met with mixed reactions from British stars playing in the NASL.

face colour.

And there can be little doubt that Astro-Turf is everlasting. The surface at Islington in London is used 3,000 hours a year, every year since 1971 and the literally all weather surface means there are no postponements.

Its main asset is its predictable, flat condition which is permanently of bowling green standards. If a ball goes wayward then you can guarantee it is the fault of the player and not a rut or patch of bare grass.

And despite the constant use, maintenance costs are low with, believe it or not, only the occasional vacuum cleaning required!

But there is another side to the nylon grass which players don't fancy too much.

The Glasgow scheme incorporates a sprinkler system — missing on other pitches — which cools the surface in hot weather, but the truth is that it can't rain hard enough when you are playing football on

Astro-Turf.

If senior clubs introduce it here, the mud-baths that we get in mid-winter in such places as Cappielow will become no more than a memory ... but so will the sliding tackle.

Astro-Turf is Astro-tough on the thighs and the burns sting for a long time.

I can assure you that you don't want to make a habit of falling on it too often.

Sure, the ball runs true ... but all in all I don't think I would like to see it introduced. It is impossible to tackle correctly and most players find their feet heavily blistered after several games on it.

Then again, attacking players may be of a completely different opinion, for the reluctance of defenders to commit themselves must help. And it certainly does help the ball players.

And to be honest I wouldn't miss these rutted frosty pitches ...

Meanwhile we are back in training at Celtic Park looking forward to the new season and the challenge of winning OUR League Championship title back.

Equally Aberdeen will be desperate not to let it go and with Rangers

making signings all over the place they too must be keen to get among the trophies again.

Europe beckons with hopefully a glamorous run ahead in the Cup Winners' Cup providing we take care of Diosgyaer of Hungary in our preliminary round tie.

We have tasted foreign football already this summer with a four match tour to West Germany — including a trip across the border into Holland — and that helped us plan ahead.

Before I close I'm sure you won't mind if I give my testimonial match against Manchester United at Celtic Park on Monday, August 4th a plug.

Should be quite a night with lots of stars on view ... including, I hope, my old buddy Denis Law.

Come along if you can. Well, take care ...

Danny McGrain

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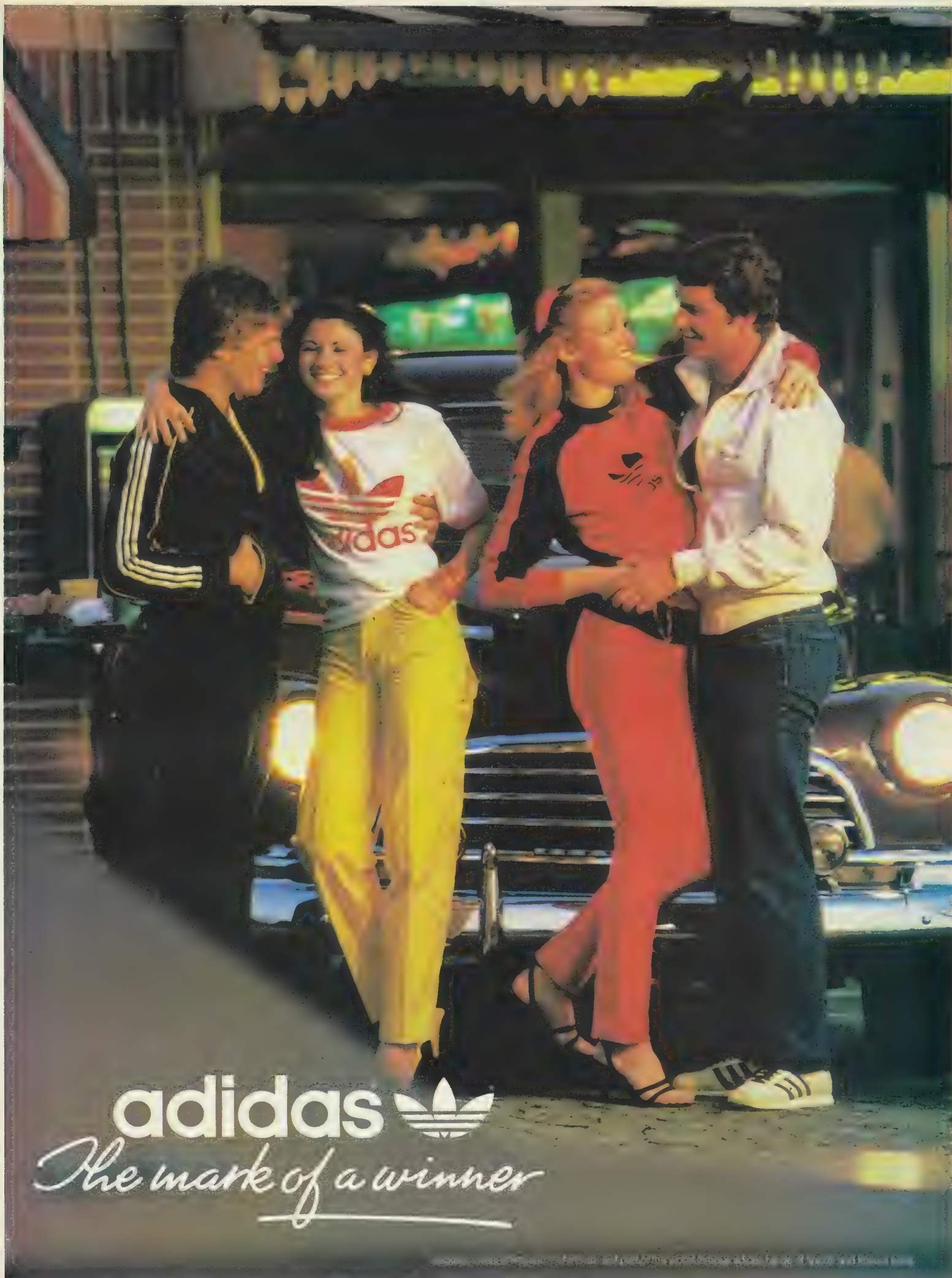


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THINK of Crystal Palace and you think of Kenny Sansom . . . Gerry Francis . . . Mike Flanagan . . . the internationals and the big fee men. Paul Hinshelwood is one of the least known Palace stars, but his consistency during 1979/80 won him the club's Player of the Year award, ahead of his more famous colleagues. Paul has played up front and in midfield, but it's at right-back that he has shown his best form. Less adventurous, perhaps, than Sansom on the other flank, he nevertheless gives balance to Palace's back-four, one of the best organised in the League.

For midfielder Peter Nicholas, May, 1980, is a month he'll never forget. He was part of the Wales side that thrashed England 4-1 at Wrexham in the British Championship. No sooner had the champagne at the Racecourse Ground been finished . . . and Peter was celebrating again, when his wife, Janice, presented him with a lovely baby daughter, Janine.

The tough-tackling Nicholas has quickly established himself in the Welsh side, where he is equally effective at right-back or in midfield. Many feel he is an international captain in the making.

Right now, though, both Peter and Paul are keen to help Palace improve on what was a most satisfying first season back in Division One.



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McCulloch saves against Partick Thistle.



ALAN McCULLOCH -SCOTLAND'S NEXT KEEPER

JIM Brown, Sandy McLaughlin, Campbell Forsyth, Bobby Ferguson, Ally Hunter and Jim Stewart all have one thing in common.

They are players who have been brought through the famous Kilmarnock nursery for goalkeepers, and they have all gone on to represent their country at full international level over the past 20 or so years.

Now there is another name certain to be added to that proud list... Alan McCulloch, the current keeper at Rugby Park.

McCulloch would probably have already picked up his first cap if it hadn't been for an unfortunate injury sustained while training with the Scottish squad.

Jock Stein selected him for the squad for the British Championship and two tour games in Poland and Hungary, and it seemed odds-on that McCulloch would have made an appearance at some stage or other.

"Yes, it was a bit of a blow to pick up an injury when I was so close to realising a great ambition," says McCulloch.

"Just being involved at that level is amazing. It was marvellous to mix with all the big names and soak up the atmosphere.

"Although I didn't play I'm sure the experience of just being there will help my game."

It will not shock anyone but already McCulloch's name is being linked with more fashionable clubs, and it could be that he will be leaving his part-time colleagues some time in the near future.

English clubs plan to have a look at him in the new season and Rangers, too, have been credited with more than a passing interest.

McCulloch was one of Kilmarnock's most outstanding performers last season as they fought to stay in the Premier Division.

"It was a bit hectic at times, but I enjoy being involved," he says.

"We knew it would be a bit tough at the start as we got used to the pace, but we learned and picked up things as we went along."

The worst memory for McCulloch was at Parkhead on a glorious sunny afternoon around the start of the season when Celtic rammed five efforts into his net.

He wasn't entirely blameless and could have lost his nerve but, showing the signs of a good goalkeeper, McCulloch came back from that disaster and played with remarkable consistency until the end of the season, prompting Jock Stein to haul him back into his international plans.

Brilliantly

McCulloch also had the satisfaction of playing brilliantly against the Celts in the next League game at Rugby Park which Kilmarnock won 2-0.

"It was vital that I did well in that match," says McCulloch. "I remembered those five goals at Parkhead and I was determined there would be no chance of a repeat. I played quite well, I'm happy to say, although I stress everything at Rugby Park is geared to team effort.

"I've still got a lot of work to do," says McCulloch. "I doubt if I'll ever be content with my game. Practice, they say, makes perfect. I'm going to keep practising to see if that's true."

There are some forwards who will grudgingly tell you that Alan McCulloch doesn't need an awful lot more practice.

Andy Ritchie The Morton Maestro

BY his own high standards, Andy Ritchie, the master of Morton and one of the most dangerous players in Scotland, had a fairly quiet season last time out.

He still thrilled audiences with his remarkably accurate long-range shooting, but the success and promise of the previous season didn't materialise.

Ritchie, in fact, faded along with the rest of his Cappielow colleagues just when so much was expected of them.

The Morton mystery must be a worry to manager Benny Rooney who saw them challenge seriously at the top of the League until around the turn of the year, but after that there was a massive and unexpected form collapse.

"Things went wrong and it was difficult to pick up the thread," says right-back Davie Hayes.

"We lost a couple of games where things went against us and it seemed to get to us. For instance, we had an awful lot of the play against Aberdeen in the League Cup Semi-Final, but, at the end of the day, we were out of the tournament by the odd goal in three.

"I believe we proved we could play a bit of football earlier in the season. I would like to think that

was the real Morton and not the one that finished the campaign."

Benny Rooney looks at the situation realistically and says: "We can build upon what we formed last season. We learned a lesson or two that will do us no harm."

One reason for Rooney remaining optimistic in the cut-throat atmosphere of the Premier Division is the fact that the unpredictable Ritchie has signed a new contract with the club that could keep him at Cappielow for the rest of his footballing life.

At one stage last season Andy staged a one-man revolt and walked out on the club declaring emphatically: "I'll never kick another ball for Morton."

He had a clear-the-air talk with the persuasive Rooney and a couple of days later he was starring in a home League victory over eventual Champions Aberdeen!

Ritchie and Morton may be part-time, but they are thinking big. The doubters who scoff at their chances of remaining alive in the Top Ten had better think again.

Certainly there was an appalling dip in their fortunes last season when the pressure undoubtedly took its toll, but Ritchie, Rooney and everyone connected with the club warn that they will be much more consistent this season.



LIVERPOOL'S ability to compete for every trophy that's going next season is very much dependent on a group of "backroom boys" who seldom get the credit they deserve.

I'm referring to our training staff, headed by Joe Fagan, who are busy putting us through a gruelling series of pre-season training routines to shed those surplus pounds put on during all-too-short holidays and tone-up slackened muscles.

Every day we're at Melwood, our training ground, sweating and straining morning and afternoon under the supervision of stalwarts such as Joe, Rueben Bennett and Ronnie Moran.

It's the hardest training we do, and although we moan and groan we know it's essential if we're to last through the arduous programme

My particular memory of the Irish side is playing against them in my very first competitive European tie, when we beat them 10-0 at Anfield in the first-leg and then 4-0 at their place! It was a very gentle baptism for me, as I was virtually a spectator.

All the Dundalk players are part-timers, and they'll run around enthusiastically for the whole 90 minutes no matter how many goals we knock past them.



We won't be making the concession of fielding a weakened team, as this would spoil the object of the tour. It will be a full-strength eleven; probably including Jimmy Case and Alan Kennedy, who were unable to complete last season owing to injury.

As Liverpool rank with Manchester United and Arsenal as the most popular English clubs with the Irish, we're certain to draw a large crowd which will add to the atmosphere.

By contrast, our next opponents will give us a hard game. Anderlecht, the Belgian side I invited over for my testimonial game last May, are among the hardest-to-beat sides on the Continent, and like us will be keen to strike winning form.

In my testimonial, the Belgians ran out winners by 8-6, but the

reason we hope to triumph in Brussels is to gain revenge for losing to them over two legs in the Super Cup competition in 1978.

A very skilful side, Anderlecht are going through a transitional period in which former "greats" past their best are being replaced by younger men with potential. I believe that international striker Van der Elst joined the Cosmos this summer, and Aarie Haan is no longer the force he once was.

No one from Anderlecht played in the Belgian team that did so marvellously to reach the Final of the European Championship against West Germany, and we shan't be meeting them in European competition, as they'll be in the UEFA Cup.

I won't be surprised if the gate at

'THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR PRE-SEASON TOUR'

ahead of 42 League games and three Cup competitions.

The bulk of the squad reported back for duty on July 9th, but Phil Neal, Dave Johnson and I were amongst the few allowed a few days' grace, until the 14th.

This was because we'd been involved in the European Championship with England, followed by a fortnight's working holiday coaching youngsters in Norway. It was my second stint in that very picturesque country.

Right now I'm packing my bags again in preparation for the club's pre-season tour. This is another important part of our build-up, in order to achieve match fitness and to regain confidence.

Substitute

Mere training is not enough. There's no substitute for 90-minute matches against other clubs.

Whereas some other First Division outfits warm up by playing each other or teams from lower Divisions, we prefer to take on foreign opposition for a number of reasons.

Firstly, we're free from the pressure of fans seeing us when we're not 100 per cent match-fit; and secondly matches against other English clubs, particularly those in lower stratas, can take on a Cup-tie atmosphere.

It's also refreshing to visit foreign parts in a more leisurely fashion than when we're involved in one of the European Cups, and to spend more time sampling the hospitality and going sight-seeing.

This year our itinerary takes in the Republic of Ireland, Belgium, Denmark and West Germany.

Our first opponents, Dundalk, a club based not far from Dublin, have links with Liverpool and several of their players have been for trials with us through the years.



'We'll face Stuttgart's international star, Hansi Muller'

Anderlecht's Frank Vercauteren causes the Liverpool defence an anxious moment in the 1978 Super Cup (above). Hansi Muller (left), a star for West Germany and VFB Stuttgart Kickers.

our game is disappointing because attendances are falling in Belgium, even for international matches. I believe there were only 3,500 supporters at the country's last home game.

However, a large crowd won't be necessary to ensure a keenly-fought contest with a lot of pride at stake.

It's a relief to know that our next game will be on a lower key, against a team of part-timers of Hvidovre, near Copenhagen in Denmark.

Capable

The Danes shouldn't prove as taxing as Anderlecht, but are certain to be capable of playing at a higher standard than the Irish, as their League is more competitive.

Last stop of our tour is Stuttgart, in West Germany, who finished third in the Bundesliga last season to qualify for the UEFA Cup.

I'm familiar with only one of their players, Hansi Muller, who starred for West Germany in the European Championship Final with his brilliant passing in midfield.

Stuttgart should provide us with a testing climax to the tour which will set us up for the Charity Shield game against West Ham at Wembley on August 9th.

Ironically, a similar game against another West German club, Kaiserslautern, a few years back, almost resulted in the Liverpool management deciding to abandon pre-season tours.

Ray Kennedy was carried off following a murderous tackle in a first-half which ended with both sides trying to kick lumps off each other.

'I plan revenge on Anderlecht'

In the interval our management approached the ref, pointing out that if he didn't clamp down on the fouling the game would end as a seven-a-side. Accordingly he asserted his authority and the second-half was played in a much more sporting manner.

From that moment on, Liverpool have carefully vetted prospective opponents and avoided those matches that could result in a 'blood bath'.

Ideally, we'd like to return with four wins under our belts, but the main objective is to re-establish the team-work that is Liverpool's trademark.

Ray Kennedy

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Clare Farnell of Dudley, who wins our Special Prize of £5. She writes:

Hooliganism — THE ANSWER? (1)

★ AFTER the recent European Championship in Italy the British public have been put to shame once more. This is not due to the poor football served up by England during the Championship, but the fact that a minority of England "supporters" had to start fighting and cause riots on the terraces in Turin.

The "English disease" as it is called abroad, should be wiped out once and for all, before the British police have to revert to the methods of the Italian police.

Supporters' Clubs could be made compulsory and the only means of getting into any ground home and abroad. Identity cards could be issued to everyone belonging to these clubs with a person's name, address, photograph, signature and a serial number on. Any bad behaviour could warrant the card being confiscated which would be an automatic ban.

Money obtained from the Supporters Clubs' fees could go towards ground improvements repairing the damage done before this system was in operation.

The black market for tickets could also be cut as anyone with the club's supporters card and the traditional programme vouchers could be issued with a ticket with their registration number stamped on it when it was purchased.

Admittance to Wembley would only be permitted if the number on the ticket matched with the one of the supporters card, cutting the black market down and perhaps eventually out.

This system could be in operation for international matches as well with the ban on the sale of tickets on the day of the match.

If a team is going abroad customs men could refuse entry to those people without a supporters card and a match day ticket. This would not completely wipe out the "English disease" but it would make a start on the cure of it.

● A good idea in theory, but it would cost a fortune to put into practice... like so many "answers" to football's problems.

Hooliganism — the answer? (2)

I AM writing to tell you the disgust I felt when so-called English fans started fighting against Belgium in Italy.

What really annoyed me was the way the English fans complained afterwards about the methods the Italian police used to stop the riot.

They acted a bit harshly towards the English fans, but if the same methods were used by our police in this country perhaps the football crowd violence would come to an end in England.

S. KRISMAN
ILFORD.

● Chris Davies writes: I was in Turin for that game and much of the blame must lie with the Italian police. They allowed a small scuffle to develop into a full-scale fight and did nothing for six or seven minutes. Then they went in with tear-gas and batons. I do not condone the behaviour of the 50 or so England fans who were fighting, but it saddened me to see the Italian police hitting ANY England fan they could lay their batons

on. The British police would have stopped the trouble as soon as it started, without tear-gas or batons.

Super Saints

I MUST congratulate SHOOT readers everywhere who voted for Davie Provan as Scotland's Most Exciting Player of the Season! Well done too, Kenny Dalglish, on your hat-trick of SHOOT titles.

As you've probably guessed, I am a Celtic supporter, but not a biased one. My favourite other team is St. Mirren. I would like to give credit to the Saints. Some people say the Premier



Davie Provan

League in Scotland is driving people away instead of into the grounds, but in some cases that is not true!

St. Mirren, for example, with quality players such as Billy Thomson, Doug Somner and Peter Weir to name but a few, are putting hundreds on the gates at Love Street and away grounds every week.

The Saints' style of attractive football, which earned them a place in Europe next season and won them the Anglo Scottish Cup for the first time, deserve their success.

PHILIP HANNIGAN,
COATBRIDGE.

● It's good to see Celtic and Rangers not having things their own way.

Ban Ron

AFTER reading the views of Ron Atkinson about banning away visitors, all I can say is that he must be the daftest person in the Football League today. They should not ban the fans but ban him!

Just think of the Manchester and Mersey derbies without any away fans. There would be no atmosphere at all.

There are several ways of stopping this trouble like an all-seated stadium (Aberdeen) or escorts for away visitors to and from the ground at matches.

Anyway, banning the away fans only ducks the problem — it doesn't solve it.

RICHARD BELL,
EDLINGTON.

● The answer lies with the fans, themselves, to behave properly.

Pen-pal

I'M 17-year-old boy from Norway and I'd like to exchange soccer information with fans anywhere in the world.

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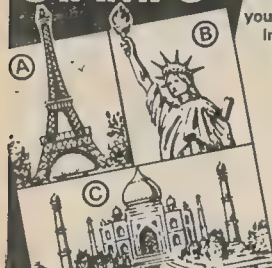
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Heartbreak for Bradford

In life there have to be losers as well as winners, but George Mulhall must feel he's had more than his fair share of losing recently.

For 95 per cent of last season, George seemed destined to lead Bradford City into the Third Division.

But just when it mattered on the last day of the season Bradford went to Peterborough needing a solitary point to go up, but instead lost to the only goal of the game.

At the same time Portsmouth were winning just a few miles away at Northampton, while Newport County, unbelievably in view of their defeat at Rochdale four days previously, were clinching their own promotion with a four-goal burst at already-promoted Walsall.

It all added up to a Saturday of heartbreak for Bradford, who had spent more time at the top than either Portsmouth or Newport, and who were condemned to another season in the Fourth Division despite amassing 60 points.

Only once before (Tranmere Rovers in 1965) has a side failed to go up with such an impressive total, and Bradford can count themselves very unfortunate.

Indeed when Newport and Hereford were both beaten at Valley Parade in the penultimate week of the season there were scenes of jubilation among the supporters who felt it was all over.

A classic example of counting your chickens, although you can guarantee one man who wasn't kidded into premature euphoria was Mulhall.

During his days as No. 2 to Ian

Greaves at Bolton, the City manager had the galling experience of twice failing at the final hurdle after Wanderers had appeared racing certainties to climb into Division One.

They eventually made it, of course, in 1978, but within weeks of the start of the following season Mulhall was unable to deny the lure of management and took over from John Napier at Bradford.

And City's desperately close failure to get out of the Fourth Division should not obscure the tremendous job he has done at Valley Parade.

Sympathy

It is to be hoped there is widespread and genuine sympathy for Bradford City, who almost seemed the forgotten club as the drama unfolded in the season's closing weeks.

Walsall and Huddersfield were free from worry with promotion clinched soon after Easter. The rest of the country seemed to be willing Portsmouth, because of their tradition and following, and Newport, whose rise from the threat of extinction to a Third Division side in only two years has caught the imagination.

This was understandable but Bradford City do have a right to feel a little aggrieved that their consistent presence in the top four throughout the season never once earned any national recognition.

It is to be hoped a reaction to disappointment does not set in at Bradford, and that next season George Mulhall rediscovers what it's like to be a winner.

George Mulhall



'I'm out of a rut at Cambridge'



Dave Donaldson

FORMER Millwall star Dave Donaldson is looking forward to next season with burning enthusiasm and full of optimism with his new club Cambridge United.

"I was preparing as normal for an F.A. Cup match against Chester when manager George Petchey told me that Cambridge were interested in signing me.

"It was a move of a lifetime. I had to get away because I was beginning to get into a rut. No disrespect to Millwall — I had eight wonderful years there. After all, they gave me my chance in League football.

"I travelled up to Cambridge with my family; had a look round and was very impressed with their set-up and the surroundings. The supporters and local folk are very friendly. It took me just a week to decide to sign."

Donaldson, signed for Cambridge for £50,000, making his debut for the Abbey Stadium club away to Bristol Rovers. He made 14 appearances in the run-in to the season, losing just twice.

Cambridge finished in a creditable eighth position in the Second Division, their most successful season since being elected to the Football League in 1970.

Although the club are progressive, can they

continue building and have they the strength to be a hit in the future?

"Without any hesitation — I strongly believe we have the resources to succeed. The ground could be made a little bigger."

"But we are a young team that has six or seven players under 24. I'm one of the old timers at 25.

'Inspiration'

"Manager John Docherty has been a huge inspiration to the club. He's young and produces some great ideas.

"The biggest disappointment for me in football is that I didn't make the grade with Arsenal, who I joined as a youngster from school.

"I played in several reserve team games but I reckon I might have been in the first team now savouring their success if I had waited for the chance.

"Now I want to have a successful career with Cambridge and to improve on my League appearance total. I'm looking forward to playing in the Second Division next season and clashing with better teams and players.

"We are a team of the future and who knows I could be playing against Arsenal, one day."

Soccer in the States



Sting shock for Parkes

THE brilliant goalkeeping of Phil Parkes has helped Chicago Sting to the top of the American Conference's Central Division and the third best points tally in the League.

Former Wolves star Parkes, the NASL's top goalkeeper for the past two seasons, has let in less goals than anyone else in the National Conference.

And his team's performances have confirmed the experts' pre-season claims that all Chicago needed was a goalkeeper.

Coach Willy Roy says: "Phil killed us enough times on the field so it's nice to have the big guy working for us."

"Our defence is young and inexperienced and in the earlier part of the season it was especially important to have a take-charge fellow back there covering up our mistakes."

Parkes, 32, is reportedly getting double the £15,000 a year he was earning at Vancouver after hiring an agent to negotiate his contract with the Sting.

Even so, it disappointed him that he had to leave the Canadian club — and

city. "My wife and I were all set to buy a house there. We had finally figured this was a place where we could settle and I was ready to apply for Canadian citizenship."

"I've got some good seasons left in me and it seemed only natural to think I would finish my career in Vancouver."

He didn't even know Chicago were interested in him until he was told they had signed him.

"One night I got a call from Chicago owner Lee Stern welcoming me to the team! He said he had just bought my contract from the Whitecaps. It was a bit of a shock."

Marsh quits

RODNEY Marsh has resigned as coach of American Soccer League side New York United.

He quit after claiming that he was forced by the owners to play an increasing number of Spanish players in order to attract the ethnic fans to Shea Stadium.

Says Marsh: "General manager Enzo Magnozzi was trying to force certain players on me. But I was already playing several Spaniards and the crowds were still around the 1,000 mark. So I didn't think playing any more will be the solution."

Magnozzi says: "We are spending a lot of money on players who may generate fans and the coach will just have to find a way to play them. Maybe Rodney isn't the man for the job."

New York are next to bottom in the four team National Conference with eight wins from 15 games.

Harvey goes

VANCOUVER, who signed David Harvey for £100,000 before the start of the season and gave him a contract worth £40,000 a year, have decided to release him after just seven games for the club.

Harvey, former Leeds and Scotland hero, lost his place to Bruce Grobbelaar early in the season and has been forced to sit on the bench for the past three months.

It's a troublesome time for Vancouver, who recently released Alan Ball and Willie Johnston.

The NASL champions should at least scrape into the playoffs as one of the National Conference's 'wild card' sides — but they'll have to face the might of either the Cosmos or Seattle.

NASL Standings

(as of Monday, July 14)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	GAMES PLAYED	WON	LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
Eastern Division							
New York	20	15	5	54	28	44	134
Toronto	19	10	9	31	30	28	88
Washington	19	8	11	40	40	33	81
Rochester	18	9	9	25	28	20	74
Central Division							
Tulsa	19	10	9	29	28	25	95
Dallas	18	9	9	22	30	19	73
Minnesota	19	6	13	28	34	24	60
Atlanta	19	5	14	19	40	18	48
Western Division							
Seattle	22	20	2	54	17	40	160
Los Angeles	19	12	7	35	27	28	100
Vancouver	21	10	11	30	30	24	84
Portland	19	6	13	20	33	19	55
AMERICAN CONFERENCE							
Eastern Division							
Pt. Lauderdale	21	12	9	37	34	34	106
Tampa Bay	21	12	9	36	36	33	105
New England	21	11	10	30	37	33	99
Philadelphia	19	6	13	22	35	19	55
Central Division							
Chicago	20	15	5	47	27	30	128
Detroit	20	9	11	34	31	29	83
Houston	21	8	13	37	46	32	80
Memphis	20	9	11	28	34	25	79
Western Division							
California	22	11	11	46	47	30	105
Edmonton	20	10	10	37	33	28	88
San Diego	19	9	10	26	32	21	75
San Jose	20	6	14	30	40	26	62

(* Note: Six points are awarded for each win, none for a loss, while one bonus point is given for every goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game. No bonus points are awarded for either an overtime goal or the team shootout goal).

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Alfredo di Stefano

Can you tell me the goals that Alfredo di Stefano scored in Finals of the European Cup?

STEPHEN MARTIN,
BURY

● Quite a few, Stephen — and, of course, all for Real Madrid.

He started off with one in the very first European Cup Final of all — the 4-3 win over Reims in 1956.

Then he scored a penalty in the 2-0 defeat of Fiorentina in the 1957 Final, and one goal each in the 3-2 win over AC Milan in 1958, and the 2-0 win over Reims in 1959.

After which, he "went mad" — and scored three brilliant goals in the 7-3 victory over Eintracht Frankfurt in the spectacular Final of 1960.

But di Stefano didn't score in either Real's 5-3 defeat by Benfica in 1962, or in their 3-1 defeat by Inter-Milan in 1964.

14 for a season

Which club has gone through a League season using the least number of players?

JOHN LYLES,
STOURBRIDGE

● That's just one more item put in the record-books by Liverpool, John.

In winning the League title in 1965-66, they used just 14 men for their 42 games.

Gerry Byrne, Ian Callaghan, Tommy Lawrence, Tommy Smith, and Ron Yeats were ever-present; Ian St. John and Willie Stevenson played 41 games; Chris Lawler and Peter Thompson 40; Roger Hunt 37; Gordon Milne 28; Geoff Strong 21; Alf Arrowsmith three; and Bobby Graham just one.

Birthday win

As a dedicated Manchester United supporter, I'd like to know how they fared on the day I was born — 28th November, 1964?

TESSA COOMBS,
CRANLEIGH

● Like you, Tessa, they did all right that day!

United came down to London — and beat Arsenal 3-2 at Highbury. After which, they went on to win the League Championship at the end of the season.

Top shots

Can you tell me the highest number of goals scored by a player in a single game in each of the top two Divisions of the Football League?

KEVIN DUTTON,
WEST MALAYSIA

● Seven it is, Kevin. In the First Division, that tally was scored by James Ross (Preston v Stoke on 6th October, 1888), and Ted Drake (Arsenal v Villa on 14th December, 1935).

In the Second, the seven-up men are Tommy Briggs (Blackburn v Bristol Rovers on 5th February, 1955), and Tim Colman (Stoke v Lincoln on 23rd February, 1957).

But Drake's (below) feat was particularly noteworthy, as his seven were scored away from home — and, in having eight real shots at goal, the other hit the crossbar.

Added to which, due to an Arsenal injury crisis, he had to turn out while not fully fit and with his left knee heavily strapped.



Everton goals

Can you tell me how many goals Everton scored altogether in the First Division in the season that "Dixie" Dean got his record 60?

R. SCULLY,
ROCHDALE

● They scored a total of 102 goals in their 42 games, finishing up as League Champions.

Which only goes to show how vital Dean's 60 (in 39 of those games) was to Everton's triumph.

SHORT PASSES

● Bobby Charlton played 106 full internationals for England; scoring a record 49 goals.

(IVICA NOVAK, Yugoslavia)

● Brentford's highest-ever League placing at the end of a season was fifth in the First Division in 1935-36.

(PAUL PAYNE, Greenford)

● George Best scored eight goals in his 42 League games for Fulham.

(JIDE ADEDOKUN, Nigeria)

● There have been three all-London F.A. Cup Finals since the last War — Spurs 2, Chelsea 1 (1967); West Ham 2, Fulham 0 (1975); and West Ham 1, Arsenal 0 (1980).

(ANDREW PARSONS, Deal)

● England manager Ron Greenwood played for Chelsea, Brentford, Bradford Park Avenue, and Fulham; he was an England "B" international, but never won a full cap.

(ALBERT GRAHAM-MENSAH, Ghana)

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STARS REVEAL THEIR

Everybody can remember their first job, their first wages and that special moment when they realised they were on the road to success. Footballers are no exception. We asked five internationals to recall a series of their own football firsts. For some those memories bring back satisfaction — others are more painful to recall!



MARK LAWRENSON
(Brighton & Rep of Ireland)



TOMMY CASSIDY
(Burnley & N. Ireland)

1

When were you first spotted?

I was 14 years old and playing for Preston schoolboys when I was approached by Preston, West Ham and Blackpool. As far as I was concerned there was only going to be one club... Preston. After three or four trial games I signed for them. Another reason was because my father played for them.

I started my career with Glentoran, but I remember when I was first picked up by a Football League Club. There were a number of English sides watching me with Glentoran, and I was just hanging on waiting for the right side to come in for me. The Newcastle scout in Northern Ireland, who I only met once, asked me if I was interested and the whole deal was completed within two hours. That was in 1970.

2

Your first pay packet as a player

I remember my first wage packet was £30. I also recall that I received £250 signing on fee. It didn't take me long to spend the lot. I can't remember what on, but I know it seemed to disappear rather quickly.

My first wages from Newcastle were £40 a week. I didn't go mad with that money, but I managed to spend it all somehow!

3

Your first team debut

I made my debut for the club against Watford at Deepdale in a Third Division game in 1975. We drew 2-2 and I had a nightmare. I was playing right-back and their outside-left absolutely murdered me. But somehow I managed to stay in the side and my second game was against, ironically, Brighton, where we won 1-0.

My League debut was against Southampton at The Dell. We lost 2-0, and I was playing in attack alongside Wyn Davies and Pop Robson. I had come into the team in place of Keith Dyson, and although we lost I was in the team for the next game against Ipswich — my home debut.

4

The first goal you scored for the first team

It was in the following season when we played Shrewsbury Town. Preston were fourth in the table, while Shrewsbury were top. I scored the first with a classic of a goal. I got on the end of a cross with a diving header which put us 1-0 up. We eventually won 2-1.

I came on as substitute against West Ham at St. James' and scored. I remember the occasion but don't remember the score or how it went in. But I do know that Bobby Ferguson was the first goalkeeper to witness Tommy Cassidy as a goalscorer!

5

Your full international debut

It was in April, 1977, against Poland in Dublin. We battled hard and were a little unfortunate to only draw 0-0 with the Poles. I was very pleased with my debut and thought I played quite well, considering I was playing for Preston at the time.

It was in the infamous game against England in the Home Internationals in Belfast in 1971. First George Best had a goal disallowed for 'dangerous play' on Gordon Banks, then Francis Lee scored one of the most blatantly offside goals I have ever seen. I was only on for about 20 minutes as a substitute for Eric McMordie.

'FOOTBALL FIRSTS'



ALAN ROUGH
(Partick & Scotland)

I was playing for a team called Lincoln Amateurs at the time. I was 14, but the team I was playing for were an Under-21 side. The Partick scout Jimmy Dickie was supposed to be watching another game just across the road but it was cancelled so he came to watch our game instead. He must have been impressed, because I was signed by Partick not long afterwards.

The first money I got from Partick for playing football was a provisional wage of about £2 a week. This was purely for travelling expenses, and that was what my first wages were spent on, as I was only about 14 at the time.

I was drafted into the full Partick team in 1970 when I was 18. We had already been relegated to the Scottish Second Division at the time, and we drew this game 1-1 with Morton at Firhill. It wasn't a particularly memorable game, and I didn't really have a lot to do.

Obviously I have never scored a goal, but I can recall my first penalty save. It came about a year after my debut, against Kilmarnock and I saved from Ronnie Sheed. It wasn't a particularly good spot-kick, and I had no real difficulty stopping it.

I was first called up by Scotland for the game against Switzerland at Hampden in April, 1976. Manager Willie Ormond had been experimenting with the goalkeeper's position for a while, and although I was a bit nervous before the game, the Swiss didn't give me much to do. I only had a couple of real saves to make but I was glad to keep a clean-sheet in a 1-0 win.



DAVID JONES
(Norwich City & Wales)

As a 15-year-old, I was playing for Gosport Schoolboys and was spotted by Bournemouth coach Tony Nelson. They were the only club that came in for me and I duly signed.

My first wage packet as an apprentice was £5.00. At the time I had to pay £3.00 for my lodgings, so it didn't leave much for a night on the town with the lads.

I made my League debut under John Bond, now my boss at Norwich City. Bournemouth arrived at Newport County and while we were inspecting the pitch, Mr. Bond came up to me and asked if I would like to play or be substitute. I naturally said I wanted to play. It was a successful debut because we won 2-0. I played the next 15 or so games for the club, so I must have impressed.

The same season as my debut. It was against Mansfield. We travelled there and thrashed them 5-0. Ted MacDougall scored three that day, but mine was one to cherish. We had a corner and as the ball was crossed I hit a left-footed shot from about 12 yards that sailed into the opposite corner of the net.

It was against Scotland at Hampden Park in the 1976 British Championship. I played at right-back, and although we lost 3-1 I thought I had a fairly good game. But I was only substitute for the following game against England.



DAVE CLEMENT
(Bolton & England)

I was about 14 playing for South London Schoolboys when I was spotted by Queens Park Rangers scout Derek Healey. I was playing at inside-forward at the time. I played for Rangers' junior team at 15, but never went through the apprenticeship stage because I was working first as an apprentice draughtsman and then as a printer at the American Embassy.

My first wages from Rangers were as a professional when I was 17. I received the minimum fee they were allowed to pay at the time — £10. From that I gave my mum £2 and spent the rest with my mates.

This came in 1967 when I was 19. I couldn't have asked for a better start to my career — we were playing a Third Division game at home to Scunthorpe and won 5-1. I was playing at centre-half, and I remember a young lad playing in goal for Scunthorpe called Ray Clemence! It was a good time to be at Loftus Road, because that year we won promotion and also beat West Bromwich Albion in the League Cup Final at Wembley.

I didn't score for the first team until we had gained promotion to the First Division in 1968. My debut goal came against near-neighbours Tottenham at White Hart Lane. Although we lost the game 3-2, the memory of heading my first goal past the great Pat Jennings will always mean something special to me.

I came on as substitute for England in the Welsh F.A.'s centenary game at Wrexham which we won 1-0. I had been waiting for my call-up for quite a while — I was 28 at the time — and wanted to make the most of my big chance. I obviously didn't do too badly, because I started the next game, again against Wales, in the Home Internationals at Cardiff when we repeated our 1-0 success.

Hatters set to get ahead

LUTON Town are on the march, striding step by step towards the First Division. So declares Kirk Stephens, The Hatters' 25-year-old right-back.

"You would have thought we'd won promotion at the end of last season," he says. "The supporters flooded the pitch chanting and cheering after our final home game against Wrexham. It was like a carnival. I dread to think what will happen when we do go up."

"Our brand of football certainly caught the imagination of everybody last year."

'Tragedy'

"Unfortunately, it was lack of experience that cost us promotion. We failed to win matches that looked easy on paper. In a way it was a minor tragedy."

"Manager David Pleat is a young man with a lot of interesting new ideas. In only his second full season at Kenilworth Road he has taken us to the fringe of the First Division."

"He's had a big staff turnover, yet his outlay is minimal compared with other top Second Division sides."

"During a massive re-building

process we signed five players with no experience of the Football League. Then, at the start of last season, he made two good signings in Paddy Grealish and Jake Findlay."

"There are three internationals in the team now — Paddy Grealish, Mal Donaghy and Paul Price. If Jake Findlay keeps playing the way he has been doing, then Scottish recognition must surely come his way."

"We have a sound back-four and a tremendous 'keeper. I think any manager will look to his rearguard as a solid foundation to build his team on."

Stephens, good in the air and strong in the tackle, wears the number two shirt, but is known as a defending right-winger.

"I'm in the attack so much that it's become a standing joke with the rest of the defence. Before the game starts they say, 'See you at half-time, Kirk, when you get back.'"

"David Pleat always emphasises how much he wants me to get forward. I love it because that's my game. I wouldn't be happy just defending."

"Basically, we played all last season with a 14-man squad. Our

Kirk Stephens, ready for another Second Division promotion challenge with Luton.



performances have been such that Mark Aizlewood hasn't been able to command a first team place — and everybody knows just how good he is."

"David Moss was our leading scorer and every goal last season was a classic. He has so much skill that he can put the ball on a sixpence with either foot. You couldn't wish for a finer player."

"The same applies to Brian Stein. What a lot of people don't realise is the amount of work he does off the ball. The supporters are looking for goals from him and if he hasn't scored, then they think

he's had a bad game. One of these seasons I feel sure he's going to knock in about 30 goals and confound the critics."

"It was a pleasure to be voted into the Second Division P.F.A. team. To be nominated by your fellow professionals is something to be proud of. I certainly rate it as one of the greatest honours a player can win."

"Last season was our education. We've all played together for 12 months now and we've got to know each other so well that Luton Town surely rate as one of next year's promotion favourites."

LEICESTER City boss Jock Wallace has never settled for second best.

He has always demanded the most from his players... and that includes his newly-promoted Leicester side.

"My players are not being allowed to consider a middle-of-the-table position as a satisfactory achievement," he says.

"The prospects are terribly exciting. We have young players who are being encouraged to play with flair and panache."

"Those youngsters grew into men during the last two months of last season. They knew they had a big job on their hands and they responded magnificently."

"Now they face a new challenge and I feel certain they have the intelligence and ability to make the grade at the top. No one, of course, thinks it is going to be easy, but the players know they will get the right preparation, both physically and mentally."

Since his arrival at Filbert Street, Wallace has bought and sold players shrewdly, and has never lashed out huge sums.

His latest signing was Jim Mellow from Partick Thistle for a club record £250,000 but he scoffs at people who feel he is turning Filbert Street into a "Little Scotland."

"I've bought players from Scotland because I know their pedigree, I know their temperament and

Leicester's lads have grown up



Jock Wallace (left).

anything. For his 31 deals in buying selling players have evened themselves out."

And Wallace has the satisfaction of knowing that youngsters like Larry May and Andy Peake have soared in value.

The Leicester City manager is quite happy about the way things have gone in his two years at Filbert Street. On the field his young side have won the Second Division Championship and, off it, he is fulfilling his aim of making Leicester City a family club.

A hard season lies ahead for Wallace and his team but he intends to keep his policy of attacking football.

"You get goals first and then think about defence," he says. "In my book you don't give goals away and then start attacking."



Bobby Smith, just one of Wallace's signings from Scotland.

Brown will work even harder



ALAN Brown is 100 per cent positive when he says: "My ambition is to work so hard at improving my game that my name will be the first to go on the Sunderland team sheet every week."

And the fact that Brown won himself many new friends at Roker last season with his surging runs and improved goalscoring ability hasn't altered his view that he must go on learning — especially now that Sunderland are back in the First Division.

He explains: "I learned some useful lessons last season in our promotion struggle, and one of the most important was that I must relax more."

"For a long time I seemed to be doing everything but score goals, then it came to me that I was too tense in my approach — I was so eager to put the ball in the back of the net — I would waste a chance at the vital moment."

"Now, I'm more controlled when I get a scoring opportunity, but it hasn't made me more complacent. I have to improve my ball-control when moving at speed, and also step up my work-rate. There is no way I intend to relax in my efforts to become a better player."

"I want to become a regular member of the Sunderland side more than anything. Just how important this was to me became clear when we met West Ham at Roker in May."

"It was our last match of the season, the one we won to gain promotion to the First Division,

and I missed it because of a hamstring injury I had received earlier. I really wanted to play, but failed a late fitness test. I'll never forget how disappointed I was to be only a spectator at such a vital game for Sunderland."

For Brown, it will not be a new experience to turn out in the First Division. He played there as a 17-year-old for Sunderland and believes the present Roker squad can cope in the higher class.

"The team spirit is better now than it was when we were last in Division One, and we'll probably adjust to it better than we did to the Second Division."

"Take Kevin Arnott for example — he is a stylish player, polished in everything he does. But in the Second Division he had to sacrifice some of his class to be more effective in the hurly-burly of the promotion battle. Against better opposition, I think he will be even better than he was last season."

"For myself, I've an incentive to prove myself in the First Division, because I was in the Sunderland team that lost 2-0 in a game against Liverpool at Anfield — and was dropped straight after it."

'Confidence'

"As a teenager, that experience of First Division football on Merseyside was part of my soccer education. I went through a period when my confidence dried-up, and I began to wonder whether I would ever make the grade at Sunderland."

But fortunately for Alan, and his club, his battle to regain confidence in himself was won when he hit a brilliant hat-trick against Oldham at Roker last January.

"Suddenly, all my efforts and striving to succeed at my job of goalscoring started to pay dividends, and in future I'll be trying to retain that touch. The big test is in the First Division, and that's where, like any other player, I want to make my mark."

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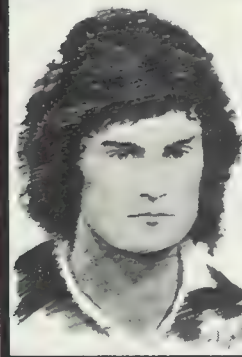
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Make or break for Boro's Burns

A mysterious back injury threatens the career of Middlesbrough's Mickey Burns. And that means this coming season is a make-or-break one for the former schoolteacher turned goalscorer.

"I first had trouble with my back at the end of a game against Manchester City last season," Burns recalls. "After that, it would seize up at the end of the opening half hour of a match, and I was unable to do any training during the week."

Eventually, Burns had to stop playing altogether, enduring a two-month absence from the game in 1979-80, a nightmare period for Mickey which led to rumours that at the age of 33 he was finished.

But he did come back, last February, marking his return with four goals in three games, and in spite of his absence from the Boro line-up, ended with a goals-tally of ten in May which made him his club's second-top scorer.

Complete Rest

However, at the end of last season, Middlesbrough manager John Neal advised Burns to take a complete rest in the summer, and not to put any strain on the injured back.

Says Mickey: "I went to Majorca, where I relaxed as much as possible, and gave up one of my favourite sporting activities, water-skiing. Now I'll only know whether or not my back has improved when I get back to real soccer action."

"I've had a lot of medical advice concerning my injury — one diagnosis has been that it is disc trouble, but opinions vary. It is all very baffling and frustrating."

"Taking things easy when you are used to keeping fit isn't easy. But I am grateful that rest and treatment helped me to play again, and hopefully will

bring about further improvement."

Apart from his ambition to attain peak fitness, Burns is anxious to take his place in a Boro team which he believes can make a strong bid to qualify for European football.

"A good start to the season, with favourable results in the initial 12 games or so, is priceless to our side. It is a fact that John Neal has got us to play a more entertaining type of game in which we go for goals, and we've players of promise like Mark Proctor and David Hodgson."

"Middlesbrough finished in the top half of the table last season, and I think we can improve on this by showing a little more consistency."

"If we can finish among the leaders in May it will be a boost for the club and also for the North-East, where there will be extra interest during the coming months with the return of derby matches between Boro and Sunderland."

"I do not mind if I play up front or in midfield, as long as I can make a useful contribution."

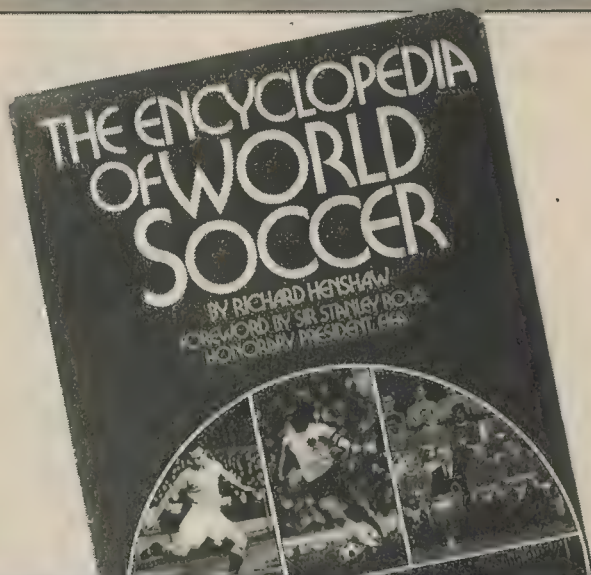
The knack of goalscoring has always been with Burns, formerly with Blackpool, Newcastle and Cardiff, and if Middlesbrough are set to make a determined bid for honours there will be pressure on him to keep on finding the net.

Earlier this year, Mickey bounced back from his long spell of inactivity to demonstrate his sharpshooting abilities, and if he can oblige with repeat performances he will be more than satisfied.

He says: "At my age, I expect a certain amount of wear and tear. Previously, I've been able to turn out and enjoy my football when my back has been causing me some discomfort — now I'm just counting on my injury not developing into anything that is too serious."



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GOLDEN ERWIN



BELGIUM striker Erwin Van Den Bergh will receive the Adidas Golden Shoe award in Paris next month for finishing Europe's top First Division goalscorer. The Lierse star (below) averaged more than a goal-a-game during 1979/80. Here are the Top Ten.



	Goals	Games
Van Den Bergh — Lierse	39	34
Fazekas — Ujpest	36	34
Schachner — Austria	34	36
Nene — Benfica	30	30
Jordao — Sporting Lisbon	30	30
Ceulemans — FC Bruges	29	34
Kist — AZ 67	27	34
Staroukhine — Donetz	26	34
Rummenigge — Bayern	26	34
Sommer — St Mirren	25	36

HUGO-ING

HUGO Sotil, who formerly starred in Barcelona, Alianza Lima and Peru in the 1978 World Cup, is trying to win back his fans after a terrible season with Colombian team Independiente de Medellin.

He has joined Deportivo Municipal, the team that launched him to fame.

But even though he has signed a one year contract with Municipal, rumour is that he is just waiting for an offer from the USA.

WORLD WIDE



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Fan shoots himself

A fan of Peruvian club Atletico Chalaco shot himself after his team had lost 2-0 to Argentina's Velez Sarsfield in Lima in a Libertadores Cup Group 1 match. Antonio Mendizabal Ortiz watched the match on television and when Velez were leading near the end he saw no chance of recovery for Chalaco and shot himself in the head.

BRIBES UPROAR

THERE'S been uproar throughout the close season in Spain since the Spanish Federation decided that Salamanca's 0-3 victory in Malaga has been the result of a hefty bribe distributed among the home team's players.

Four Malaga players have been suspended for one year, the Salamanca manager, Felipe Mesones, has been banned for two years, and two points have been deducted from Salamanca's League total (which barely affects their placing).

Unfortunately for the Federation, their punishments have been meted out despite a lack of concrete proof, and much of the evidence appears to be little more than conjecture.

At the same time, they've handed out hefty fines to Real Madrid and Rayo Vallecano for offering cash incentives to other teams if they managed to beat league rivals — a custom which has always been considered completely legal in Spain.

The dust is still flying, and I'll keep you in touch!

NICE PROFIT

DANIEL Bertoni's £700,000 move from Sevilla to Fiorentina has raised a few eyebrows — including those of Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti, who was hoping the 25-year-old World Cup winger would return to his native country when his contract with Sevilla ran out in 1981. Bertoni scored 25 goals in 57 Spanish League appearances, and Sevilla made £310,000 profit on buying and selling him.

FOURTEEN teams in Spain's top two Divisions changed their managers during the 79-80 League campaign, and five of them actually had three different managers during the same season. The man with the most unfortunate record was Rayo Vallecano boss Fellnes. He was in charge of the team for just one game... and Rayo lost 0-7.

SPAIN'S preparations for the 1982 World Cup continue to run into political problems, and it now seems certain that Oviedo will be struck off the list of 14 centres. The local authorities in the northern city ran into serious opposition from Socialists and Communists when it came to approving allocations of funds, and the local council voted against the proposed modernisation of the Carlos Tartiere stadium (which is municipal property).

There are rumours that San Sebastian may be invited to fill the vacancy on the list of centres, but one begins to fear the worst when, only two years before the 1982 Finals kick-off, even the centres haven't been finally decided.

BECKENBAUER TO LEAD GERMANY AGAIN?

FRANZ Beckenbauer will return to the West German Bundesliga later this year. He has signed a contract with Hamburger SV and plans to leave the Cosmos sometime during October.

Beckenbauer, now 34, cost nothing, but both club and player are being cagey about exact financial details as the Kaiser still has tax problems relating to his previous career in Germany with Bayern Munich.

His return is a tremendous boost for German soccer. "Last year I played in a charity game for the Year of the Child," says Beckenbauer. "I hadn't trained for a few weeks and I thought I'd be too slow for the European players, who were at peak fitness."

"To my surprise, I found I could last the 90 minutes easily. I have no fears about my stamina. Give me a couple of weeks Bundesliga training and I'll be okay."

Having lost Kevin Keegan, Günter Netzer could hardly have secured a better replacement for HSV.

Even though West Germany won the European Championship, just about every German supporter would love to see Beckenbauer leading the national team again.

The player is reluctant, but coach Jupp Derwall says: "Franz will be considered like everyone else... if he's playing well enough."

Current captain Bernard Dietz has said he wants to retire from the national team after the competition in Uruguay this Christmas of previous World Cup winners.

Favourite to take over has been striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. Now, it would seem to depend on Beckenbauer.



The Lion still roaring

HIS name is Leão (lion) and his temper sometimes goes with it. He was Brazil's first choice goalkeeper until a few months ago, when he was dropped by new manager Telê Santana, and now he has not only been dropped also by his club Vasco da Gama but, what is far worse, he is threatened with losing his job.

Vasco da Gama went to Court to prevent Leão (right) from playing football in Brazil. He was "charged" with being rebellious and insulting team's directors and officials.

Leão also went to court, asking that he be set free from any links with Vasco da Gama, so that he could earn his living somewhere else. The player, who at one time was President of the Footballer's Union in São Paulo, says that the transfer system is "medieval" and that, according to the Constitution, everybody has the right to work.

Leão is still roaring, but it looks like that in the end he will accept a transfer to play in the United States.

Candidates right now are the Los Angeles Aztecs and the Washington Diplomats. But, if successful, the Diplomats might find their new acquisition slightly out of place.



WAITERS THRASHED BY 'UNKNOWN'S'

A TEAM of Spanish hotel waiters got more than they bargained for when they challenged the guests to a football match.

Because representing the holiday makers was a team comprising no fewer than eight professionals who turned the game into a rather one-sided affair.

Everton's Mike Lyons, Billy Wright and Garry Stanley; Ipswich trio Paul Cooper, Allan Hunter and Eric Gates; Manchester City youngster Tommy Caton; and Peterborough's former Ipswich winger Mick Lambert were the men who took part.

The waiters, who boasted one or two useful players in their side, had no idea of the real identity of their opponents until it was too late.

Within 20 minutes the "star guests" were six goals ahead, even allowing for the fact that goalkeeper Cooper played up front and Gates, normally a striker, took over in goal.

Everton skipper Lyons said: "We were playing in sandals and it was just a laugh. Even the waiters, who fancied their chances a bit, could see the funny side when they were let in on the secret!"

A 12-year-old boy was seriously injured while he was trying to climb into the Murcia ground to watch a friendly between the local team (newly-promoted to the First Division) and Athletic Bilbao. He tried to scale a wall and suffered serious head injuries when he fell. The tragic thing is that for this match children were being admitted free.

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GIAMPIERO Boniperti, Chairman of Juventus, has made the most fabulous offer yet for Diego Maradona. Flying to Buenos Aires, Boniperti asked his former colleague of the 50's, Argentina-born Enrico Sivori, to help with negotiations.

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The Italian sports paper *Corriere Della Sera* carried the story, and knowing that Fiat boss Angelino Agnelli would foot the huge bill, worked out that Fiat would have to sell: 3,648 Fiat 126's and 1,690 Mirafiori's and 1,181 Special 2-litre saloons to cover the Maradona deal.

EXPLOSIVE STRIKE-FORCE

CUP Winners' Cup holders Valencia have snapped up Uruguayan ace striker Fernando Morena for a modest fee of £450,000. Morena (right) confirmed his outstanding goalscoring qualities last season by hitting 26 League and Cup goals for relegated Rayo Vallecano, bringing his career total to 510.

Regularly voted among South America's top half-dozen superstars, Morena now teams up with Mario Kempes in what promises to be an explosive goalscoring partnership.



News flashes

Laurie Cunningham received a special bonus of just over £5,000 for his part in Real Madrid's League triumph, bringing his total bonuses for last season to over £30,000.

Mario Kempes (below) is now back in training with Valencia after his holiday 'in... Hawaii'!



AC Milan have been singled out for unfair discrimination with the F.A. relegating them to the Second Division (Series B) for the first time ever. That is the view of their chairman Felice Colombo, and he is refusing to give up control of the club, even though he has been suspended. He and the companies he controls hold almost 90% of the shares in AC Milan and he is refusing to sell, leaving the F.A. in a quandary.

Bayern Munich announced they will not bid for Liam Brady and have now switched their attention to a new right wing pair. They have offered £200,000 for B International inside-forward Jurgen Rober from relegated Werder Bremen, and are

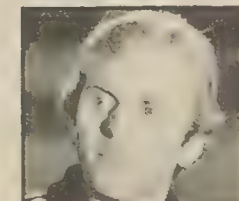
having serious talks with flying blond right winger Karl-Heinz Del Hays of Borussia Mönchengladbach (below).



Freidel Rausch, sacked by last season U.E.F.A. Cup Winners Eintracht Frankfurt, has signed a three year contract with Turkey's most successful club Fenerbahce.

The Dutch international defender **Michael van der Korp**, has signed a two-year contract for AC Torino. His transfer from Feyenoord cost £300,000 and the 23-year-old will collect £85,000 a year minimum.

Bob Houghton (below) the English manager of Malmö FF who took the club to the 1979 European Cup Final, has signed a three-year contract with Greek club Ethnikos of Piraeus.



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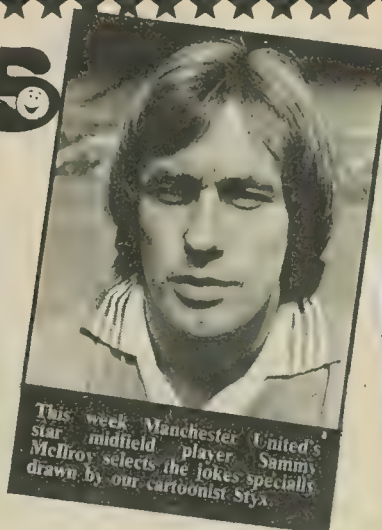
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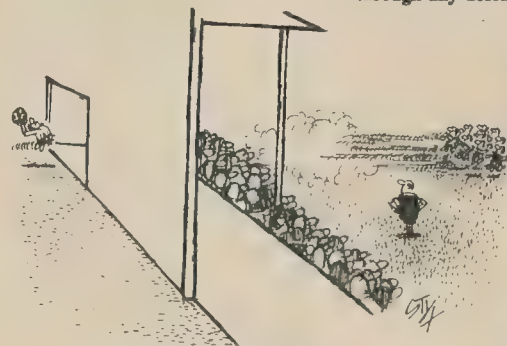
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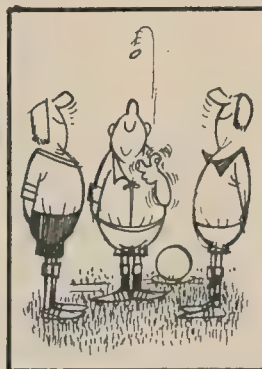
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Frustration of top scorer Shoulder

ALAN Shoulder finished last season as Newcastle United's top scorer with 21 goals, but confesses that the promotion chasing campaign left him with a feeling of frustration.

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But Shoulder, a bargain-basement buy from non-League Blyth Spartans, is still convinced that Newcastle will be vitally involved in the promotion battle in the months ahead.

"We are a team whose failure last season has made us more determined than ever to succeed, with the knowledge that not one of us can count on being an automatic selection in the line-up."

Struggling

Shoulder was left out of the United side last March, when The Magpies were struggling to find their rhythm, and he had failed to find the net in eight games.

"Nobody likes to be axed, and I was no exception," he recalls. "But to be honest, I had been anticipating it for a few matches before it actually happened."

"And when I was dropped, I learned things from watching from the dug-out that can help me in the future. I'd already realised that there were significant differences in play between Blyth and Newcastle United."

"Physical fitness helps League players to operate at a faster pace than in non-League, and the marking is closer than anything I have

known before. I've managed to adjust to this, and our manager has done a tremendous amount for me in different ways over the past 15 months.

"I've set myself a target of scoring over 20 goals again next season, far above what I would have aimed at just a year ago."

In a career of just under two years at St. James' Park, the ex-coalminer acknowledges that so far, two incidents have stuck in his memory.

"In my second home game for Newcastle, against Burnley, I scored my first League goal with a shot from just inside the penalty area. Then last season, when the whistle blew at the end of our home 'derby' with Sunderland, I felt great — we had beaten our closest rivals convincingly and it seemed that nothing could stop us from winning the Second Division title."

"People have said that Newcastle reached the top too early last season, that there was too much pressure on us, and that Sunderland escaped this pressure by just keeping on the fringe of the leading clubs before making their late burst."

"But I never thought there was a lot of pressure on United, though I admit I grew worried when results started to go against us in the closing weeks of the season."

"After my first few months with Newcastle when supporters were complimenting me, I reckoned I might count myself a success if I kept on scoring."

"Since then, I've been lucky enough to find the net fairly regularly, but I still refuse to accept that I've made the grade — I've found out that too many players fall by the wayside."



GOOD news for soccer fans is that the indestructible Ian Callaghan has decided to have one last fling — the ex-Liverpool and England player will turn out for what could be his last season in the game in a bid to clinch promotion for Swansea.

"It has been a difficult decision to make," says Ian. "My old pal John Toshack, as manager of Swansea, asked me to have a chat with him about the future, and at the end of it he convinced me that I could help the club during the next few months."

"What helped to make up my mind were the conversations with former professionals. They told me that there was no substitute for playing every week, that if I packed in the playing side of the game too early there were many years ahead when I would regret it."

"Frankly, if I had felt 100 per cent certain in my own mind that I wanted to retire and wasn't enjoying playing, then I would have had no hesitation about hanging up my boots. At the end of last season I had decided to call it a day. Then I had second thoughts."

Anyone who saw Callaghan performing in the middle of the Swansea midfield last season would have felt safe about placing a bet that the ageless midfield man would still be running strongly for years ahead.

Says Ian: "At Liverpool I played on the left, but now I am in my favourite position, central mid-

Carry on Cally!



field. It's here that I can pace my game best, allowing for the fact that it's more difficult to run around now for the 90 minutes."

"What is important to me is that I've settled in nicely at Swansea, who have done well since coming up from the Fourth Division. At the beginning of last season I forecast that they would finish in a mid-table spot in the Second Division, and they ended up in 12th place."

'Improvement'

"In fact, I've confidence enough in the present side, especially since we've bought Leighton James, to look for an improvement on that position in the forthcoming season. Leighton has this priceless asset of being able to run at defences, to take on opponents, which should add an extra dimension to our game."

"The lack of a really outstanding team in the Second Division is beneficial to Swansea, making the promotion race a wide-open affair. Last season, to my mind, Birmingham were the most talented side in the Division, and now that they have gone up I can't see anybody who will dominate."

Having gazed into the future, and optimistically considered the chances of his team, what does Cally foresee regarding his own

career when next summer comes along?

"Previously, I've enjoyed playing close-season football in the United States and Australia, though there were differences in both countries. In Australia I was doing a public-relations job for a firm in addition to playing, and this meant I put in a fairly strenuous summer."

"The Aussies train two nights a week and over there I was involved in a lot of travelling, but it didn't prevent me coming home with some happy memories of their football."

"In the States, I would say the standard of play is better, and in Florida, not having another job to do, I was able to concentrate on getting the most out of my soccer and also the beautiful climate."

"When next May comes along, I'll be faced with a variety of choices if I finish at Swansea. I may give a thought to playing out of this country, in Australia or America, or if I think the playing bit is finally beyond me I might consider football management. In recent years, I've been connected with the insurance business, which is something else I'll have to review."

"But it's first things first — my immediate future is concerned with giving Swansea 100 per cent effort. I still have plenty of time yet to weigh up what lies ahead."



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TRUST Brian Clough and Peter Taylor to cause a summer sensation.

The excitement of Clive Allen's £1.2 million transfer from Q.P.R., to Arsenal had barely died down when the boss paid nearly the same sum to bring Scottish striker Ian Wallace from Coventry City.

Apparently, Ian was as flabbergasted as the rest of us over the move. He was on holiday in the South of France when he received a telephone call from Coventry manager Gordon Milne telling him of Forest's interest.

The brilliant 24-year-old striker, signed from Dumbarton four years ago for £75,000, didn't need to think twice about joining the European club Champions.

Goalscorer

It's no secret Forest badly need a proven goalscorer, especially as we'll be without the services of the injured Trevor Francis at the start of the season.

The opening weeks of a new campaign are vital. That's when Championships are often won or lost... and it's goals that win matches.

Trevor was Forest's joint top marksman last season with 13 League goals and he was out of action for a lot of the time.

Ian is a different type of player from Trevor. The red-head from

MY SOCCER
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Viv
Anderson



Glasgow is an out-and-out striker, a deadly finisher who scored 57 goals in 128 League games for Coventry.

The arrival of Wallace has inevitably put an even bigger question mark on the Forest future of Trevor Francis.

Now, I certainly don't know what the boss has in mind and whether Trevor will eventually leave the club... that's not up to me. But I would like to think there's room at Forest for both players.

The new season could well see other moves at the City Ground, though.

I haven't heard any rumours, or been told this is in the manager's mind, it's simply a feeling I have.

All teams have a shake up now and again, especially after a run of success. Maybe it's Forest's turn next.

If Brian Clough and Peter Taylor do decide changes have to be made you can be sure of one thing... they will be for the benefit of the club and not individuals.

A few days before the signing of Wallace, the manager spent

£250,000 on 25-year-old Italian-born Swiss international Raimondo Ponte from Grasshoppers of Zurich.

Forest first noticed him in the 1978-79 European Cup, when we beat them 5-2 on aggregate in the Quarter-Finals.

At the time the newspapers suggested Brian Clough was interested in Claudio Sulser, the man who scored the two goals against us, but it was really Ponte who had caught his eye.

Raimondo is the first overseas

Left: Viv was a winner for England when they played Bulgaria at Wembley last season. He's hoping to be the same for Forest in the European Cup against CSKA Sofia.

player Forest have signed but really Brian Clough is not basically in favour of buying foreign players.

He maintains you don't get the opportunity of watching them enough times to obtain a true assessment of their ability under all sorts of conditions, temperament and character.

Usually a manager only sees an intended foreign signing once or twice relying on reports from other people.

In Ponte's case, I understand Brian Clough and Peter Taylor had kept tabs on him personally for over a year.

The lad has everything going for him. He's the right age, has skill,

ambition and was a realistic price for a player with his experience. Where else in Britain would you be able to get a player with Ponte's class for £250,000?

Some critics doubt he will adjust to the pace and involvement of the English game after so long in Swiss football.

Brian Clough is certain he will and replace the transferred Stan Bowles in the team.

Raimondo joined Forest in time for our pre-season tour of the United States and reminded me he hopes to play against me and England next season.

Remember . . . Switzerland are in the same World Cup qualifying

the British Lions rugby union side beat a Provincial team and then met the lads afterwards.

Dave Sexton was impressed with the Lions fitness and training methods. Maybe he's already introduced a few new ideas to the Manchester United training schedule.

Just time to comment on Forest's European Cup First Round draw against Bulgarian army club CSKA Sofia, who have won the Championship of their country a record 20 times.

Sofia had several of their players in the Bulgarian squad that met England in the European Championship qualifying rounds . . . defender Georgi Dimitrov, midfielder Plamen Markov, captain Ivan Iliev and striker Rusi Gotcheu.

Memorable

As you may recall, England beat Bulgaria 2-0 at Wembley, when Glenn Hoddle scored that memorable debut goal, and 3-0 in the searing heat of Sofia during last year's summer tour.

England played that game in the Levski Spartak Stadium, CSKA's home ground.

The Bulgarian national side have been through pretty traumatic times of late which has seen several changes of manager. I can't honestly see Forest having too much trouble adding to their problems on the domestic front.

Overall we should win the tie, although the first leg in Bulgaria on September 17th could be tricky.

My next column will sadly be my last as my year's stint on SHOOT is over. Join me then when I tell you about my hopes, aims and ambitions for the future.

Until then . . . all the best . . .

Viv Anderson

'CLOUGIE'S BARGAIN BUY'



Ian Wallace, a shock summer signing for Forest.

Group Four as England and he has a clause in his contract agreeing to release him for internationals.

Most of you SHOOT readers probably heard about the Ponte/Wallace transfers before I did.

I was in South Africa at the time on a surprise coaching tour with Dave Sexton and Liverpool's Steve Heighway. We read about the signings in the papers out there.

I didn't know about the trip, sponsored by the Mobil oil company, until I returned home from Italy with the England squad.

Seeing South Africa and passing on a few tips to the kids out there was an experience I'll always treasure.

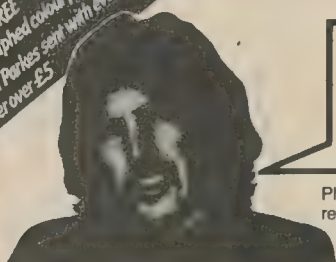
Obviously the political state of the country troubles me, but I can't and won't use this column to comment on that precarious problem.

While in South Africa we watched



Another City Ground newcomer Raimondo Ponte (left) in action for Switzerland against Iceland. He will replace Stan Bowles at Forest.

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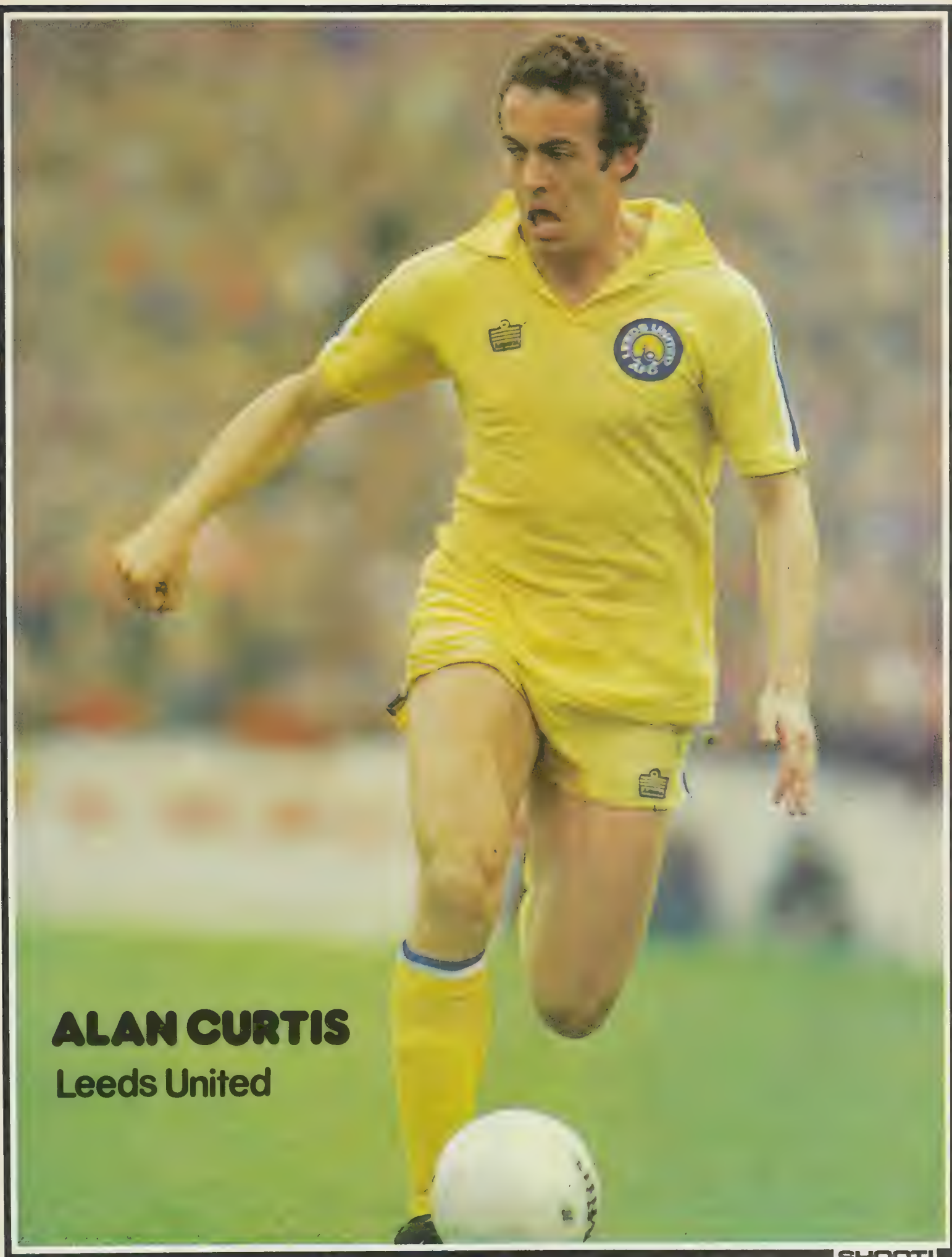
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NORWICH, ORIENT,
PARTICK, RANGERS,
SWANSEA, TORQUAY,
TRANMERE**

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Can you spot the teams concealed in these sentences? As a guide, the first, PRESTON, is indicated.

AND AGAIN

Now fill frame B with these teams, so that their initials spell out another player.

**AIRDRIE, ALDERSHOT,
ALLOA, BURNLEY,
LEEDS, LINCOLN,
LIVERPOOL,
NEWCASTLE.**

[illegible]

SPELLBOUND

Somewhere in this puzzle column there is a deliberate spelling mistake. Can you spot it?

Answers on page 48.

TEAMS IN HIDING

1	Let the champ REST ON his laurels for now.
2	Most teams pay rich rewards for endeavour.
3	A ruthless manager will bleed stars to death.
4	Special loads of responsibility are on him.
5	He removed his wig and showed a bald head.
6	His temper angers all his playing staff.
7	The plan was not fruitful, hampered by envy.
8	He drank rum or tonic water through the day.
9	With his team ill, Wally resigned his post.
10	When a star wants extra, it hurts managers.
11	After the fire a ding-dong battle started.
12	His 8th hole par tickled his partner.



SWINDON THE T.V. TEAM

A COMBINATION of Swindon's Cup exploits and the go-ahead approach of manager Bob Smith were the key factors in influencing Andy Rollings to leave Brighton in an exchange deal in which the First Division club paid £25,000 for the former Swindon captain, Ray McHale.

"From what I saw of Swindon last season they looked a very good side and rather reminded me of Brighton in their Third Division days," said Rollings (above). "They look great going forward but they tend to lose matches through conceding too many goals.

"Thanks to television Swindon's achievements last season certainly kept them in the public eye and made them a team to watch."

Confident

With players such as David Peach, Andy Rowlands and Alan Mayes, Rollings is confident that his new club have every chance of getting out of the Third Division this coming season.

When Rollings — signed by Brian Clough for £3,000 as an unknown 18-year-old from Norwich in 1974 — went on the transfer list at the end of last year he had his sights set on a Second Division club. He turned down offers from Barnsley, Hull, Wimbledon and Portsmouth.

"Without any disrespect to those clubs I felt that Swindon had more to offer. I didn't want to drop into obscurity after working very hard to get two promotions with Brighton and then not get a real chance in the First Division.

"After a while I started thinking realistically — especially when the offers stopped coming — and realised that the only thing was to be playing in a first team."

Rollings does not anticipate



experiencing the same difficulties in adjusting himself to a lower Division as Peach did.

"Bob Smith told me that when Dave first came he struggled a lot after being used to the First Division, where he had more time. I know through having played in the Third Division with Brighton that there's more chasing and harrying. In the First Division players tend to stand back and let you play.

"Obviously it'll be a little strange but defending is much the same in the Third Division as it is in the First. What will hit me though is going back to grounds which I thought I'd seen the back of and playing in front of a few thousand people. But then there were only a handful of spectators at Brighton's reserve matches last season."

From his six years at Brighton Rollings feels that Swindon still have something to learn from their mistakes if they are to be genuine promotion candidates.

"Hopefully the experience they've now got will plug those gaps, and if the forwards can maintain their consistency in scoring goals Swindon shouldn't miss out again.

"I think their Cup run last season might have cost them promotion, Rollings added. "But it's never easy to play at Tottenham and Wolves in front of large crowds which automatically 'lift' clubs from lower Divisions and then have to play in front of small crowds and play the same way.

"I remember how disappointed everybody at Brighton was when we just missed promotion from the Second Division in 1978. I don't anticipate that problem occurring at Swindon this season."

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TANGERINE TERRORS WANT THE BIG ONE

SHREWD and talented Jim McLean, the Dundee United manager, is a man who knows a thing or two about football . . .

Jock Stein is numbered among his admirers and there is not much that goes on in the game that McLean, a brother of Rangers' Tommy and Ayr United's Willie, does not know about.

He is still currently shaping his Dundee United line-up and is a man who readily admits he looks for perfection. His skill-laden Tannadice team won the League Cup last season, but there is no way that a one-off victory will satisfy McLean.

The major competition — the Premier League Championship — is the one he wants and the new season will see his Tangerine Terrors make an all-out assault on the Scottish crown.

One man who will be there to help him in that bid is striker Colin Campbell, who can hardly believe his good fortune.

"It was a blow to be freed by Hibs," says Campbell. "I had played in the Scottish Cup Final games against Rangers the previous season and I felt I had a future at Easter Road."

"Okay, last season was disap-



Jim McLean

trous as the team lost its Premier Division status and changes had to be made, but I was still a bit surprised at being freed."

McLean reacted swiftly when he heard the shock news. After talks, Campbell was delighted to sign on the dotted line and now, instead of going into the First Division, he will kick-off the new season with a side eager to clinch the Premier Division championship.

McLean has been looking for someone to play up front alongside Willie Pettigrew and the elegant Paul Sturrock. It looked as though former Dundee and Spurs striker John Duncan, currently with Derby County, might have been his target, but that deal fell through.

Campbell, the man who came in



Colin Campbell

from the cold instead, has been saved that embarrassment.

The question that must be asked now is: Can Dundee United go all the way and clinch the title?

Paul Hegarty, Eamonn Bannon, David Narey, Graeme Payne, Pettigrew and Sturrock are all first class players and the side has a good balance. It has been accused in the past of looking superb in building up, but failing when it matters most in putting the ball in the net.

Profitable

Pettigrew has added part of that ingredient and Campbell will no doubt be hoping to click in a profitable partnership with the former international marksman.

The one cloud on the Tannadice horizon is the complicated leg injury of former captain Hamish McAlpine, their consistent goalkeeper who conceded only one goal in 14 League games at home last season.

He will miss the first few months of the season and his place will be taken by either John Gardiner or Andrew Graham. Those first months of the season will be crucial and it is to be hoped that United's challenge isn't shot down before it gets off the ground.

Hard working Jim McLean and his players deserve better luck than that . . .

Ormond hopes for a double

THE season of truth is beckoning for humiliated Hibs, as they try to get to grips with the inescapable fact that they no longer belong among the Scottish elite.

Spotlights will fall elsewhere as the fallen heroes of Easter Road try to bounce back to the Premier Division in one go after the astonishing failure last time out.

Chairman Tom Hart hasn't even had a break in the close season. He's been in hospital with an ulcer and its been quaintly named 'George Best' for obvious reasons!

Obscurity

Not even the once-fabulous Northern Ireland genius could halt Hibs' hurtling nosedive into obscurity last season and now manager Willie Ormond will have to shake the lethargy out of Scottish soccer's most unlikely zombie and point it in the right direction.

Ormond has been given a two-year contract by Tom Hart, the man who sacked his best friend Eddie Turnbull a couple of days after the 5-0 defeat by Celtic in the Scottish Cup Semi-Final.

Former Hearts manager Ormond says: "I've been over this ground before. I managed to get Hearts out of the First Division and they were top of the First Division again when I left last season.



"It's not an easy League from which to escape, but I'm confident I can do a 'double'. Everyone must pull on all their resources in the new season if we are to have any chance."

"Obviously, I feel we can do it and it would be nice to do it in the style that is normally associated with Hibs. The main thing, though, is to get back into the Premier Division and stay there with a good team."

Scottish soccer was shaken last year at the downfall of former giants Hibs. They went into the season full of optimism and hope after their fine performances against Rangers the previous year in the Scottish Cup Final.

Hibs came so close to lifting the trophy in the three-game marathon and, so typical of their ill-luck, they were eventually beaten by an Arthur Duncan own goal in extra time.

However, they had looked a bright, attacking, entertaining outfit and the Hibs fans had every reason to look forward to the kick-off to the new programme.

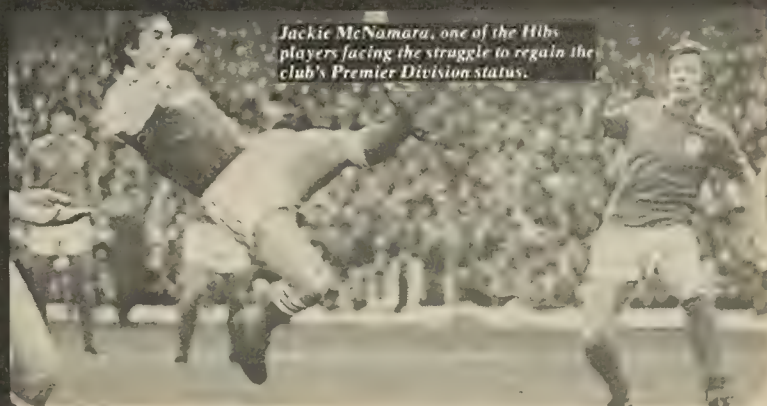
Disasters cropped up from every corner and after only a handful of games it was quite apparent that Hibs were in serious trouble. It needed drastic action and Tom Hart supplied that with his £2,000-a-game offer to George Best.

It was a bold gamble but, alas, it didn't come off. Controversy still

followed Best on and off the field and the harmony at Easter Road was disrupted.

Now the crunch has arrived. Hibs are setting out again to show the world that they still have something to offer in the higher echelons. It is going to be a struggle, for Motherwell, Dundee, Ayr United and Dumbarton are equally positive that they will be booking one of the promotion places. Ormond has already made it abundantly clear that he is only interested in players who want to play for the club. He will not be slow in throwing out slackers. He will not tolerate anything less than 100 per cent effort.

Willie Ormond was a winger in Hibs' glorious forward line of the Fifties known as the 'Famous Five'. He wants those halcyon days to return to Easter Road. The next few months will provide the Everest Hibs will have to conquer . . .



Jackie McNamara, one of the Hibs players facing the struggle to regain the club's Premier Division status.

FUNNY BUSINESS BY STYX

What would our top players like to have done for a living if they had failed to make the grade as a soccer star? That's the question we ask in our popular Focus feature, and these 14 came up with some unusual answers. SHOOT's resident cartoonist Styx imagines how they might have looked...

GRAHAM RIX
BRAIN SURGEON



COCK-A-DOODLE DOO!

MARK KENDALL
H.G.V. DRIVER

SOME FOLK DREAM OF A CASTLE BUILT HIGH IN THE SKY - WHAT FUN BUT I ALWAYS DREAM OF A PALACE AT THE TOP OF DIVISION ONE -

TWEET TWEET



WHITE HART LANE

BILLY GILBERT
POET

GARY SHAW
SPORTS JOURNALIST

I DIDN'T LIKE WHAT YOU WROTE ABOUT ME IN YOUR COLUMN LAST WEEK!

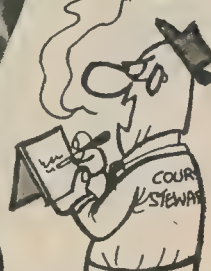


IT'S THE WRONG FLIPPIN' BALL

PHIL NEAL
CRICKETER



I'M BOOKING YOU FOR KICKING YOUR BALL OUT OF THE ROUGH!



NORMAN HUNTER
PROFESSIONAL GOLFER

BEFORE YOU GIVE US THE CANE, SIR - MAY WE HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?



TOMMY CATON
TEACHER

ALAN SUNDERLAND
GARDENER

IM FROM THE SANITARY
DEPT-THERES BEEN
A COMPLAINT!



DO ME A FAVOUR, STYX.
BOOK HIM FOR DISSENT!



PAUL MARINER
VETERINARY
SURGEON

KENNY DALGLISH
JOINER



WHO
THREW
THAT?

IM A FOOTBALL
MANAGER-I WANT TO
SUE MY CLUB FOR
UNFAIR DISMISSAL!



OSVALDO ARDILES
SOLICITOR

IVAN GOLAC
MUSICIAN

WHERE'S
MY
GUITAR?

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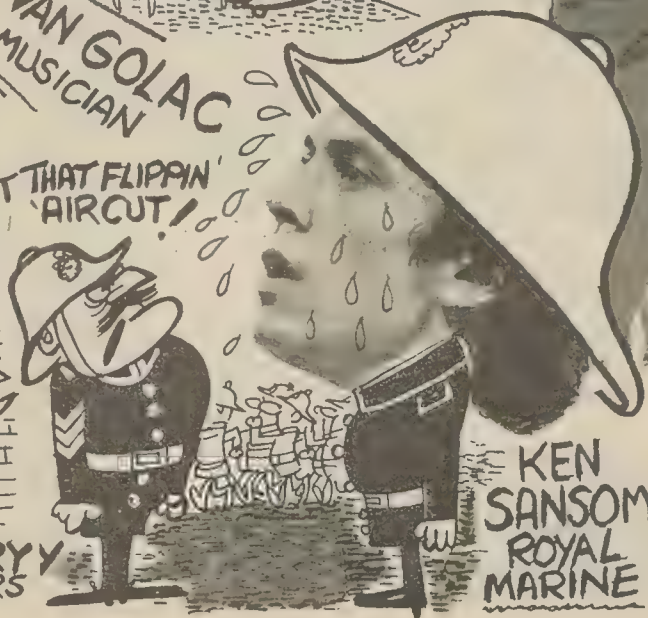


GIT THAT FLIPPIN'
AIRCUT!

JOHN GREGORY
BICYCLE REPAIRS



KEN
SANSOM
ROYAL
MARINE



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough recently signed left-sided midfielder player Raimondo Ponte for £230,000 from a leading Swiss side. Was it Grasshoppers, FC Zurich or Servette?

2. The Forest boss followed up that deal with the £1 million signing of Scottish international striker Ian Wallace from Coventry. With which club did Wallace begin his career?

3. England centre-half Dave Watson (right) made his international debut in a 0-0 draw in 1974 away to Portugal, Italy or Poland?

4. Can you name the four clubs relegated from the Third Division last season?

5. Which well-known London club will stage a floodlit cricket match between the West Indies and Surrey at their ground on August 14?

6. Manchester United full-back Stewart Houston (right) recently signed for which Third Division club?

7. Sunderland defender Mike Coady has signed for Chester, Chesterfield or Carlisle in a £20,000 deal?



8. Another player on the move was Brighton striker Ray Clarke. He has signed for Second Division Newcastle for £185,000 to replace Peter Withe. From which foreign club did Brighton sign the much-travelled forward?



9. True or false? Burnley's relegation from the Second Division last season means that they now face their first season in the lower half of the League since their formation in 1882.

10. Which English and Scottish League clubs play at the following grounds (a) Bloomfield Road, (b) Kilbowie Park, (c) Palmerston Park and (d) Prenton Park?

11. England international midfielder player Tony Currie appeared for three Football League clubs before signing for Queens Park Rangers. Can you name them?

12. Who are England's three representatives in next season's U.E.F.A. Cup?

13. Unscramble the letters to reveal the name of a leading Scottish international and his club ... ONDRGO CHRTNAS (BRANEDEE).



14. Study the action photograph (above) taken during Tottenham's home meeting with West Bromwich Albion last season, and see if you can answer the following questions.

(a) Can you identify the two players, (b) is the Tottenham player a full international for Northern Ireland or the Republic and (c) with which club did the Albion player start his career?

15. Name the three players to have appeared at full international level for England since 1970 whose surnames have the letter 'o' included three times.

COMPUTER PUZZLE

BRIAN TALBOT
(Arsenal)

Programme this star player by plugging the gaps in his career:—

- Five England caps, the last against in June 1977.
 - Played in three consecutive F.A. Cup Finals, for v. Arsenal 1978, Arsenal v. Manchester United 1979, Arsenal v. West Ham 1980.
 - Scored a goal in the 19..... F.A. Cup Final.
 - Transferred to Arsenal for £.....
 - Ever present for Arsenal in the season.
 - He plays in a position in Arsenal's line-up.
- Computer performance rating: 6 Superb; 5 Excellent; 4 Knowledgeable; 3 Good.

ANSWERS

1. Grasshoppers, 2. Dumbarton, 3. Portugal, 4. Southend, Bury, Mansfield and Wimbledon, 5. Chelsea, 6. Sheffield United, 7. Carlisle, 8. FC Bruges, 9. True, 10. (a) Blackpool, (b) Clydebank, (c) Queen of the South, (d) Tranmere Rovers, 11. Watford, Sheffield United and Leeds, 12. Manchester United, Ipswich and Wolves, 13. Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen), 14 (a) John Wile, (b) Northern Ireland, (c) Peterborough, 15. Ian Storey-Moore, Peter Osgood and Tony Woodcock.

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PUZZLE TIME ANSWERS

SOCCER FORM: Peter Shilton.

AND AGAIN: Alan Ball.

TEAMS IN HIDING:

1. Preston; 2. Ayr; 3. Leeds; 4. Alloa; 5. Wigan; 6. Rangers; 7. Fulham; 8. Morton; 9. Millwall; 10. Raith; 11. Reading; 12. Partick.

SPELLBOUND:

In the puzzle Teams in Hiding, the word "sentences" was wrongly spelt "sentenses".

Computer Puzzle answers:

1 Uruguay, 2 Ipswich Town, 3 1978, 4 £450,000, 5 1979-80, 6 Middlefield.

GORDON Lee has had many more successful seasons than last year.

His record in management with Port Vale, Blackburn, and Newcastle has hardly been one of total success, but few managers have been as consistent as Lee.

Port Vale climbed from the depths of the Fourth Division to the Third; Blackburn from the Third to the Second; and Newcastle from a spell of mediocrity under Joe Harvey, broken only by an F.A. Cup Final appearance in 1974, to a place in Europe again.

Lee joined Everton in January 1977 with an impressive track record.

Last year he was on the brink of the sack. And he knows it. A less thoughtful and understanding board of directors would have sacked Lee months before the season's end.

Everton finished the season bottom of those clubs that stayed in the First Division. After battling their way to the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals they failed miserably against West Ham United.

Optimistic

But Lee starts the new season optimistic about Everton's chances with the support of the Goodison board.

He has sold Brian Kidd to Bolton but feels that the striker's departure will be offset by the progress of younger players on Everton's books and a determined effort by the entire playing staff to win honours in the coming season.

"I have never been worried about losing my job," says Lee. "The only people who are concerned about that write in the newspapers that land on my desk every morning!"

"We have had a bad time but I still believe we are on the right lines. The Chairman and the rest of the Board have been very tolerant. They too can see that we are making progress — again!"

That last word is worth expanding on. When Lee joined Everton in January, 1977, they were 18th in

A REPRIEVE FOR GORDON LEE



the First Division, with one foot very firmly in the Second.

In typical fashion Lee set about weeding the garden. Everton went to Wembley that season, finally losing the League Cup Final to Aston Villa in the second replay at Old Trafford. They lost an F.A. Cup Semi-Final, to Liverpool, also after a replay. The transformation was remarkable.

Lee has made mistakes, but for the most part, he has spent his money wisely — nearly £4 million since he joined the club.

Everton finished third and fourth in his first two full seasons with the club. Last season the Goodison faithful were looking forward to another fruitful season in the League and a good run in the UEFA Cup.

But a pre-season of discontent shook Goodison Park to the found-

ations. Martin Dobson left to join Burnley. Colin Todd decided he didn't like life in the North West too much. Dave Thomas joined Wolves, Mike Pejic went to Aston Villa. Bob Latchford made his peace with the club after three months in the wilderness.

Garry Stanley, Gary Megson, John Gidman, John Bailey, Martin Hodge, Asa Hartford and Jim McDonagh have all been recruited as Lee has again gone about rebuilding.

"It hasn't been easy," he says. "Injuries and suspensions haven't helped. I'm not making excuses, just stating facts."

"But all along I have felt we were too good to be struggling. Our Cup run restored a lot of the confidence."

Ironically, had Everton not been involved in the F.A. Cup in the early stages at the turn of the year, then Lee may have gone. Particularly if Wigan, their Fourth Round opponents, had gone to Goodison Park and won.

But all along the Everton Chairman, Phillip Carter, has stood his ground.

"We at Everton want success," he says.

"We're not just content

at being around at the top. We want to win a major trophy. But in no way is that intended to put more pressure on Gordon Lee. Every club in our position feels the same way. Gordon has our fullest support. We have every confidence in his ability."

Lee has two years of a five-year contract to run, and the odds are on him seeing it out.

Now Lee faces another trying season as transfer demands from his top players continue to land on his desk. He is under no illusions and asks no favours. All Gordon Lee seeks is success for Everton, and no man deserves it more.



Brian Kidd, now with Bolton, scores for Everton against old rivals Liverpool at Anfield last season.



Marshall Burke (far left) and Tony Arins, free transfer signings for Leeds from Burnley.

Leeds' sensational signings

who first signed the youngsters when he was in charge at Turf Moor, had no hesitation in taking a gamble.

It hasn't been a popular deal with United fans. How can Third Division rejects be considered good enough to restore the fortunes of fallen First Division giants?

Burke and Arins, however, are not worried by such criticism. Their wages have doubled, their prestige tripled and their sudden change in fortune has restored the pride to their battered egos.

"I will be happy just to get a game with such a famous team," says right-back Arins. "I am really looking forward to playing with Eddie Gray and Paul Madeley — two of the all-time greats."

The transfer across the Pennines

will not be such an upheaval for the youngsters. Both will continue to live in their Burnley homes and commute the 50 miles to Leeds with new teammates Brian Flynn and Kevin Hird.

Scottish Youth international Burke, who was chased by Crystal Palace, Barnsley, Mansfield, Bradford and Torquay before opting for Leeds, is confident that he will not find himself out of his depth in such exalted company.

"I was amazed when Burnley let me go," he explained. "I had only just gained a regular first-team place after a serious car crash when I was 18."

"I had not even considered a move. I feel no bitterness towards the club, because in a way being released on a free transfer by Burnley was perhaps the greatest boost to my career."

AMONG the list of big-name players to have changed clubs during the summer, the presence of Marshall Burke and Tony Arins on free transfers from relegated Burnley hardly made the headlines.

But the 21-year-olds have made one of the most sensational moves of the

close-season. Not good enough for Burnley but with a big part to play in the future of First Division Leeds United.

Neither received warning from Burnley manager Brian Miller that they no longer figured in his plans.

Yet Leeds boss Jimmy Adamson,

NEXT WEEK



Will Ian Wallace's £1 million transfer rekindle his Scottish international career?

Malcolm Allison's make or break season.

Giant autographed colour photo of England captain Kevin Keegan.

Star colour Focus on Sunderland's Stan Cummins.

Exciting competition offering Nike football training shoes.



Ace Argentinian Alex Sabella to aid Leeds United's revival.

**Spotlight on Wales and the West in SHOOT's regional round-up.
Scottish League fixtures 1980-81.**

STEVE ARCHIBALD

SPURS fans have started the countdown to August 16. For that is when Steve Archibald, nearly a million pounds-worth of goalscoring potential, will show anxious Spurs fans whether he is the man to end the goals-famine that separates Spurs from top honours.

Trace the thread of golden talent that runs through the Spurs side: Glenn Hoddle, Ossie Ardiles, and Ricky Villa, Peter Taylor and Terry Yorath, Chris Hughton and Steve Perryman. Yet still the Spurs trophies showcase doesn't make the demands on the office cleaner that it should.

Spur manager Keith Burkinshaw has also bought the priceless quality of loyalty. Archibald, who started his career with Clyde and moved to Pittodrie in 1977, said: "I would not have left Aberdeen until they had won something. I owed that to their manager, Alex Ferguson, and some great fans."

And when he arrived at White



the man to end the Tottenham goals famine

Hart Lane, in a chauffeur-driven limousine, there was no haggling over terms.

Archibald is married, to Maureen. They have a daughter, Emma, born only last January, and Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson is not alone in predicting that White Hart Lane fans are going to like their new star.

Says Ferguson: "In my opinion, he is the best player to come out of Scotland in the last few years. It is a great shame that we had to lose him, but he is a determined young man, and I wish him all the best. He could not have joined a better club."

With the proposed re-building of the West Stand at White Hart Lane, costing some £2 million, Tottenham, are clearly not prepared to sit and wait for success.

They want it badly. As local rivals Arsenal have reached four Finals in the last three years, and spent £1,250,000 on scoring prodigy Clive Allen from Queens Park Rangers, it is important for Archibald to be a success.

Burkinshaw is convinced he is the man who can rekindle the flame of goals at White Hart Lane.

Statistics tell the whole story. In their last two seasons in the First Division, Spurs goals record is a morbid 38 and 52. Shades of 115 goals when they won the double 19 seasons ago. Shades of Martin Chivers in 1971-72 when he became the last Spurs player to score 25 goals in a season.

Archibald, 23-years-old with five Scottish League seasons and full international caps behind him, has an awesome responsibility.

But he scored 23 goals in helping Aberdeen to become Scotland's Champions last season, and doesn't intend to be out of Europe any longer than he has to.

Says Archibald, whose playing style Burkinshaw likens to that of Andy Gray: "Obviously I am upset at missing out on the chance of playing in the European Cup with Aberdeen, but I wouldn't have agreed to join Spurs if I hadn't known that I have the ability to succeed with them."

Burkinshaw knew his man, and was prepared to wait four months to get him.

"He can score goals, and he proved it for Scotland at the highest level when he knocked one in against Portugal last March. And that was only the first of what I think will be many caps."

Archibald (left) shows the kind of form for Aberdeen, which prompted Spurs to spend nearly £1 million for his talents.



THE effort was there, so was the determination ... but that quality that made Kevin Keegan European Footballer of the Year for the past two years was missing. The lightning twist, the zip, the goals and the indefinable quality that has made the 29-year-old England star so special weren't there during the European Championship.

At his own admission, he was a

SHOULD KEEGAN STEP DOWN AS ENGLAND'S CAPTAIN?

disappointment, just as he had been against Forest for Hamburger SV in the European Cup Final.

Now, Keegan has returned to the Football League with Southampton. Another challenge. Another battle against the odds. Keegan has won more than he's lost during his career, but after a critical look at his performances this year the question must be asked: have we seen the best of Mighty Mouse?

Keegan is still a good player, it must be stressed. At the same time, he has fallen below the exceptionally high standard he has set himself and perhaps that is the only way to judge a player.

Forest's Larry Lloyd recalls: "We were standing opposite each other in the tunnel before the European Cup Final. I've played alongside Kevin many times for Liverpool, but I was shocked by what I saw in Madrid. He's the oldest 29-year-old I've ever seen."

Keegan could have become a victim of his own success, his unwillingness to refuse an inter-

view or an autograph.

After the European Championship Keegan looked in dire need of a rest. Two months on a desert island with no phone, no fans and no journalists. Just Kevin, his wife and daughter.

Instead, he went to the States (on business); to the Bahamas (on business); back to England to sort out a house and then to Spain for a few days holiday. That was Keegan's close-season — his 'rest'.

Keegan is anxious to secure his financial future and there is nothing wrong with that. The man who doesn't want the best for his family is not a good husband and football comes very much second to Jean and Laura-Jane with Kevin.

Yet does Keegan involve himself too much in the commercial side?



Ray Wilkins, England's outstanding player in Italy and now ready to lead his country into battle.

He thought nothing of flying to Paris for a meeting while he was in Hamburg and always seems to have something new on the go.

No footballer in Europe can have spoken to as many journalists or signed as many autographs as Keegan over the past two years. As the England players sat on the team-coach utterly dejected after losing 1-0 to Italy in Turin, Keegan was happily signing autographs for fans passing scraps of paper through the window.

Keegan has a two-year contract with Southampton, which conveniently takes him up to the 1982 World Cup Finals. He has said he'll retire after that, although few would be surprised if he went into semi-retirement in the North American Soccer League.

Release

In September, Kevin will no doubt lead England against Norway in their first World Cup qualifying tie. It will benefit England and Ron Greenwood having Kevin available for every game, although in fairness Hamburger SV were very co-operative regarding the player's release for international duty.

Can Kevin find the form of 1979, when week after week, match after match he produced world-class performances? Will playing for Saints help him ... or hinder him?

One move which may possibly ease the load on Keegan's shoulders is to relieve him of the England captaincy. At first, that may appear an affront to the man who has red, white and blue blood. The man who epitomises England's fighting spirit.

It would, however, take some of the pressure off him. Relieve him of a few interviews and public appearances. Allow him to concentrate 100 per cent on regaining his best form, which would boost England's World Cup chances.

Keegan, himself, has said many times how good the spirit is in the England camp and it would not be a demotion ... more of a step sideways to take two steps forward, hopefully.

Ron Greenwood may have a ready-made replacement in Ray Wilkins, England's outstanding player in Italy. The Manchester United midfielder has now reached the sort of stature that makes him one of Europe's most influential players. Neutral observers at the European Championship agreed that Wilkins is 'European class'.

Wilkins has experience of captaincy; he was skipper of Chelsea while still a teenager. He sets a fine example to the rest both on and off the field. Wilkins is uncontroversial without being dull and may become an ever better player with more responsibility.

Just as we may see vintage Keegan again with less.

FOCUS ON

STEVE DALEY

Manchester City

FULL NAME: Stephen Daley
BIRTHPLACE: Barnsley
BIRTHDATE: April 15, 1953
HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins
WEIGHT: 12st 3lbs
PREVIOUS CLUB: Wolves
MARRIED: Yes to Lyn
CHILDREN: Daughter Kerry 3, son Ryan 14 months
CAR: Ford Capri
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Liam Brady
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Barnsley
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Tony Currie
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Arsenal v Wolves in the 1978 F.A. Cup. We lost 2-1 in the last minute
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the above game
BIGGEST THRILL: Signing for Manchester City
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America
FAVOURITE FOOD: Dover sole
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golf, playing with my children
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Long coach trips
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Most sports programmes, Best Sellers
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Paul Newman, Clint Eastwood, Susan George
BEST FRIEND: Former Wolves team-mate Martin Patching
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth and 'B' team
PERSONAL AMBITION: To make life happy for my family
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To help Manchester City win a major honour
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? No idea
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The Pope

Steve Daley



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